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Shoppers exiting the Target on Merivale Road in Nepean said they were disappointed the store was closing but didn't see any going-out-of-business sales either. SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO

Ottawa economy won't miss Target: Experts

Canadian locations axed. Several hundred will lose jobs as nine stores in the region close



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Target's devastating failure north of the border and the impending loss of several hundred area retail jobs marks only a blip on Ottawa's already beleaguered economy, according to market experts.

Target's nine Ottawa-area locations will close, forcing hundreds of mostly part-time retail

employees to find new jobs and leaving several shopping centres short of a major retail institution.

Local employees kept tight lipped under orders, shoppers at the Merivale Road Target in Nepean said they were disappointed and local business experts were nonchalant.

"It's a bit of a hiccup, in my opinion," said Brian Card, president of consulting real-estate firm CRG, who added those vacancies will be prime locations for new businesses.

"There's a good chance we could see some new retailers, new faces come to Ottawa because this space will be available," he said.

Target's closure will do no

more damage to Ottawa's economy than the recent government cutbacks and drop in oil prices, he said.

Ian Lee, a professor at Carleton University's Sprott School of Business, said Target shareholders will suffer in the short-term. But, otherwise, the Canadian economy will be unfazed.

"Do I predict that the unemployment rate's going to go up because of this? No. Do I predict doom and gloom? No," he said. "People, instead of going to Target, will simply go to the other stores and buy their stuff there."

While the news may be devastating for Target employees, the retail job market has a high turnover anyway, he said.

According to Lee, Target had problems in Canada early on, such as failing to research the market north of the border before making the move. Target Corp. will record \$5.4 billion US in pre-tax losses in its fourth-quarter, with most it related to the Canadian operation.

"I think this is going to go down as a classic textbook case study of market-entry failure," said Lee.

David Bell, a senior consultant with real-estate company Colliers International, said shopping centres will now have to find ways to repurpose the Target voids, which may not be a problem for some bigger institutions with more than one major retailer, he said.

"The real vulnerable places are the single-purpose centres that are only anchored by one or two stores — one of them being Target," he said.

Bayshore Shopping Centre was hit with news on Thursday that Target will not open in its \$200-million expansion and Sony will also close doors.

However, Sébastien Théberge, spokesman for Bayshore owner Ivanhoé Cambridge, said they are "very confident" they can fill the vacancies.

Target's decision to wind up Canadian operations will affect 133 stores and 17,600 employees across most of the country.

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Bay Street

Can you help nab this would-be Grinch?

Ottawa Police are hoping the public can help catch a would-be Grinch who held up a convenience store on Christmas Day along the 200 block of Bay Street around 6 p.m. Police say the man had a medium build and is about five-foot-four. The employee ran to the back of the store when the bandit pointed a gun and the gunman fled empty handed. No injuries were reported.

Police are searching for the man who spoke English and wore a black baseball cap, a black bandana over his face, black sunglasses and pants and running shoes with red laces. He was also wearing a black hoodie with the words "Reaper Crew" written across the front. He was also toting a red "Under Armour" draw-string backpack.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Ottawa Police Robbery Unit at 613-236-1222 ext. 5116 or via Crimestoppers at 613-233-8477.

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Overbrook

Police look for clues in shooting

Police are investigating a shooting that occurred in Overbrook early Thursday morning. Police were on the scene of a residence in the 1000 block of Whitton Place Thursday, as they combed the area for clues and interviewed neighbours. No injuries were reported and the guns and gangs unit continues to investigate.



Protesters outside the Saudi Arabian embassy in Ottawa demand liberal blogger Raif Badawi be released and spared a punishment of 1,000 public lashes.
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Protesters want jailed Saudi blogger released

Raif Badawi. Sentenced to 1,000 lashes and 10 years in prison



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The Canadian government should apply more pressure on Saudi Arabia to release a liberal blogger sentenced to 1,000 public lashes and 10 years in prison for criticizing Islam, Amnesty International Canada's secretary general Alex Neve said Thursday.

Neve was one of about 30 people who protested outside the embassy of Saudi Arabia in Ottawa Thursday to denounce

the punishment handed down to Raif Badawi. Holding a placard with Badawi's photo, he shouted "freedom, not flogging" with other human rights activists.

Badawi is not a Canadian citizen, but his wife, Ensaf Haidar, and three children live in Sherbrooke, Que., and have permanent Canadian residency.

He ran a website which criticized religious leaders in Saudi Arabia and has been in prison since mid-2012. His punishment is 50 public lashes at a time spread out over the next 20 weeks. He was whipped — 50 times with a cane — for the first time outside a mosque in Jeddah last week, according to Amnesty International, and

the flogging is to continue Friday.

"This case comes along at a time when worldwide there's greater understanding of how fragile freedom of expression is and how it can be attacked from all different directions," said Neve. "By speaking up about human rights and by criticizing religious leaders who have failed to take a stand for women's equality, (he) had somehow insulted Islam."

Following the terrorist attacks in Paris last week, Canada, among dozens of other countries, was very vocal about its belief that freedom of expression is a fundamental human right. Neve said this case is no different and wants the federal government to dem-

onstrate that by demanding Badawi be released, which it has not yet done.

He said Canada should be more "forceful" in this case, "to show we stand up for freedom of expression at all times in all countries no matter who's right is being violated and who is violating the right."

In separate statements, Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird and Andrew Bennett, Canada's Ambassador for Religious Freedom, called the flogging a "violation of human dignity."

International Development Minister Christian Paradis said the fact Badawi is not a Canadian citizen "complicates things."

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Community group, Bank Street BIA pitch new plan to save Capital Pride

Bouncing back from bankruptcy. Councillor believes Pride will be OK finding sponsors



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A new LGBTQ community group is partnering with the Bank Street Business Improvement Area to propose a financial plan to rescue Capital Pride after the festival went bankrupt last year.

The annual festival is marking its 30th anniversary this year, which is why community member Tammy Dopson stepped in to make sure it has a future.

At a news conference at city hall on Thursday, Dopson announced a proposal that would bring the Capital Pride back to Bank Street and have



Christine Leadman, executive director of the Bank Street BIA, said she hopes to give some "credibility" to Capital Pride in 2015 if the BIA receives approval to oversee the festival's finances. JOE LOFARO/METRO

the BIA oversee all of the festival's finances.

The BIA will not be responsible for planning events but

will be "formally accountable for financial expenditures and reporting for the festival," said Dopson.

Problems with the festival surfaced last fall when it was revealed the board allegedly failed to pay several sponsors.

A financial statement of operations tabled at an annual general meeting held in December showed a deficit of \$106,000 as

the board voted to go bankrupt.

On Thursday, the new group said a community advisory committee will be created and is expected to submit a formal plan to Somerset Ward Coun. Catherine McKenney later this month.

The proposal also includes the creation of an operations committee to manage day-to-day planning, led by a festival producer.

Christine Leadman, executive director of the Bank Street BIA, said the BIA can give some "credibility" to the event in light of last year's setback.

"I think there was a vacuum and I think that a strong proponent in the community came forward in a very professional, organized fashion," said Leadman.

McKenney supports the new governance structure and said she doesn't expect the new group to have problems acquiring sponsorship deals under the same Capital Pride name.



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Federal budget delayed to better weigh oil crash

The next federal budget won't be tabled until at least April, to give the government more time to gauge how badly tumbling oil prices will hit the Canadian economy, Finance Minister Joe Oliver said Thursday.

In a speech to a Calgary business crowd, Oliver said the Conservative government needs to consider everything it is hearing in pre-consultation talks before finalizing its fiscal plan for the coming year.

"Given the current market instability, I will not bring forward our budget earlier than April," he said in a luncheon speech to the Chamber of Commerce. "We need all the information we can obtain before finalizing our decisions."

While unusual, it wouldn't be the first time the federal government has tabled a budget later than March 31, the end date of fiscal years. The Harper government delivered its inaugural budget on May 2, 2006.

Ontario officials say provincial budget timing will not be affected by the federal move.

U.S. benchmark crude oil settled at \$46.75 US on Thursday, less than half of where it



Finance Minister Joe Oliver, middle, with Minister of State (Finance) Kevin Sorenson, right, and Parliamentary Secretary to the Finance Minister Andrew Saxton in Ottawa on Monday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

was just six months ago.

Oliver struck a positive tone, despite the fact that there's no consensus on when the price of oil will bottom out.

"Every knowledgeable person I've spoken to believes, and history tells us, that prices will eventually move well above current levels. The solution to low prices is low prices. They reduce production from high-cost producers and therefore constrain supply. And they stimulate economic growth and therefore ultim-

ately drive up global demand."

A former senior Finance Department official said he doesn't blame Oliver for buying as much time as he can.

"What they're hoping over that time period is either (oil prices) will bottom out or they'll start to increase somewhat, so they can show a more-optimistic outlook in their next budget with regard to oil prices," said Peter DeVries, who helped put together roughly 20 budgets between 1985 and 2005.

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Heart Institute breaks ground on expansion

Health. \$200M investment to help facility retain staff and its world-class designation, say officials

The Ottawa Heart Institute is undergoing a \$200-million expansion — the largest since the facility opened nearly 40 years ago.

A new five-storey building and renovations to an existing 59,000 square feet of space are in store for the institute, dozens of people heard at a groundbreaking event Thursday.

The facility will house six more cardiac surgery intensive-care beds, a new operating room and new technology for labs, operating rooms, and the ICU unit.

In short, the expansion should help process more patients suffering from arrhythmia or those being treated for procedures such as catheterization and cardiac imaging.

"I can't tell you how much it will increase the flow-through, but the level of equipment and



Ottawa-area MPPs, Mayor Jim Watson and representatives of the Ottawa Heart Institute break ground on the facility's \$200-million expansion Thursday. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

infrastructure will be dramatically increased to current, state-

of-the-art levels," said Lawrence Soloway, the chairman of the

Ottawa Heart Institute board. He said these renovations will

help retain doctors who may otherwise be lured to other

"world-class" facilities in Toronto or Calgary.

"We're already cited as a world-class institute. This is the only way to keep it at this level and expand the education to the community," added Dr. Thierry Mesana, the president and CEO of the Heart Institute. He said this plan has been in the works for seven years and they will likely have to hire more staff.

The Ontario government is contributing \$162 million, with donations making up the rest.

"One of the things people don't recognize about the Ottawa Heart Institute is the research that goes on here, which is being then used to save lives around the world," said Ottawa Centre MPP Yasir Naqvi.

Dr. Wilbert Keon, who founded the Ottawa Heart Institute in 1976, called these renovations a "dream come true."

"It's wonderful for the people of Ottawa," he said. "I can say, without reservation, they have the very best cardiac care that science and medicine can offer."

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Job fair aims to steer disadvantaged youth toward right path at right time

New immigrants the main focus. Job fair on Jan. 24 set to feature at least 24 Ottawa businesses looking to hire for the summer



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Ken Campbell has a long-term solution for the gang violence that has been

plaguing Ottawa streets over the last year.

The president of minority youth organization Jakukonbit feels that if more disadvantaged youth were able to find good jobs in their teens, they would be less likely to turn to crime as a career.

It all starts with his organization's job fair on Jan. 24, which will feature at least 24 Ottawa businesses looking to nab students to fill their summer gigs.

"In this kind of time with all the gang violence, most of the time these are young

teenagers or young adults who maybe have only been here five or six years, and it's kind of hard to fit in a new place at that age," said Campbell, who immigrated from Jamaica when he was 15.

He found it hard to adjust to a new life as a teenager, but with good people around him, he said, it was easy to make good choices.

He hopes others can find the same path.

"Employment and jobs and connections and good programs will also help to alleviate some of those prob-

Fitting in

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Ken Campbell, president of minority youth organization Jakukonbit

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The job fair was initially targeted toward minority youth specifically, but after a few unsuccessful years, the fair has been opened up to everyone.

Still, young new immi-

grants are the main focus for Campbell and his organization.

"A lot of young new Canadians just don't really take advantage of some of the job fairs that are occurring, so we have tried to do strategic

outreach to mobilize that particular group, to say, 'Hey, you need to come out and see because there is tremendous amounts of information and resources that can lead to full-time or part-time jobs,'" added Campbell.

The unemployment rate for Ottawa in December 2014 was 5.3 per cent, according to Statistics Canada.

The job fair runs from noon until 4:30 p.m. Jan. 24 and will feature organizations such as the YMCA, the Ottawa police and both private- and public-sector groups.



Skating the winter cold away at Rink of Dreams

Skaters enjoy a relatively warm night of -5 C on the Rink of Dreams outside Ottawa City Hall, after a cold snap over the last two weeks saw temperatures plunge and public-health officials issuing frostbite warnings. Environment Canada forecast the weekend would get a bit colder, with temperatures heading to -15 C Friday with sun and -10 C Saturday with cloud and a 30 per cent chance of snow. The weather office said Sunday would see 3 C and a 60 per cent chance of snow.

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Mr. and Mrs. Oulianov from Ottawa, purchased their property in HolaEcuador's urban development. "The ability to sign a Canadian contract was reassuring for us", indicates Mrs. Oulianov. "Furthermore, the HolaEcuador representatives here in Gatineau answered all our questions and helped us throughout the entire purchase process. The whole experience was very positive!" The following comments were shared by Mrs. Boucher from Gatineau, who felt reassured by



Mr. and Mrs. Oulianov, HolaEcuador Clients



the progress of the construction of her house and the project in general: "What was promised, was delivered! The project is moving forward quickly and the promoters work with the utmost precaution and make the proper decisions.", she adds.

GOOD TIME TO INVEST

For now, Ecuador remains a relatively well-kept secret. Properties in Ecuador are much more affordable than in similar tourist destinations, which is one of the main reasons that Canadian travellers and investors are flocking to the region. "Prices reflect what was available in Costa Rica 15 years ago, but in a country where first-rate and modern infrastructure is already in place" confirms Mr. Poole. "Further, the Ecuadorian government is very stable and the currency is the US dollar, which is also very reassuring for investors.", he adds. All that said, prices are rising quickly with the current real estate boom in the region. The Oulianovs wanted to act quickly and take advantage of the favourable market. "The development itself is spectacular - an endless beautiful beach, lots of parks and gardens, services available right on the site, and a ton of activities available in the region. We're convinced that this will be a fantastic community in a secure and comfortable environment."

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"At HolaEcuador's informational seminar I was pleased to discover the high level of professionalism of the developers and the overall quality of the project. In addition to providing lots of interesting information about Ecuador in general, Mr. Poole also provided an in-depth look into this residential project and he took the time to answer numerous questions from the participants. The information that was provided at the seminar left me with a great deal of confidence to take the next steps in realizing my dream." says Al Hendley, a client in Ottawa.



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Hoskins puzzled as Ontario doctors reject province's offer of pay raise

'Negative impact on patients.' Doctors say offer would compromise health care

The organization representing Ontario's doctors has rejected a contract offer from the province that would have increased doctors' pay by 1.25 per cent a year for the next three years, saying the deal would have a negative impact on patients.

The impasse between the Ontario Medical Association and the government comes after a year of bargaining and Health Minister Eric Hoskins said he is disappointed.

"The OMA argument is that pay raises should come before patients and we can't agree," Hoskins said. "We are talking only about physician compensation in this agreement, not patient services or



Health Minister Eric Hoskins doesn't agree with the OMA's decision. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

quality of care."

OMA president Ved Tandan said the government's offer of 1.25 per cent would have a "negative and lasting impact on patients,"

providing less than half the necessary funding to hire new doctors the association says are required to meet the province's growing medical needs. The government's

own estimates show the demand for health care will grow by at least 2.7 per cent annually, Tandan said.

"The fact is Ontario's population is already under-

Quoted

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Health Minister Eric Hoskins

served for health care and our population is growing and aging," Tandan said. "That increases the need for health service, but the government has decided to fund less than half of the additional care that will be required."

Doctors understand the financial challenges the government faces and have proposed a two-year freeze on

medical fees, Tandan said.

"It is not responsible for the government to ignore its obligation to properly fund the health-care system and it is not right that patients will have less access to the health care they need and deserve because of the fiscal challenges resulting to a large degree from what was created by the government's own doing," said Tandan.

Hoskins said Ontario doctors are among the highest paid in Canada, with average gross payments to physicians at \$360,000, and they will eventually have to agree to do the same amount of work as the previous year for the same amount of money.

"The OMA wants you to believe that doctors in this province can't provide the same level of care as last year unless they receive a pay raise and we simply don't agree," he said.

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Comic celebrates 40th with dark solo show

Some people celebrate their 40th birthday with a cake, or maybe even a midlife crisis and a fancy sports car.

Local comedian Jennifer Hayward is doing it with a one-woman comedy show that explores her life and how she became a "crazy, horny feminist."

"It's really about how I'm defining myself as a feminist and a woman who likes sex and my mental health journey," says Hayward, who will stage her critically acclaimed play *Jesus Loves a Crazy Horny Feminist*.

Hayward, who says she has been diagnosed with borderline personality disorder, adds she's accomplished a lot considering where she started.

"I'm a Métis woman from Saskatchewan. I always had mental-health issues. I've been on welfare, I've worked in the government, I met a kind of cool man that I'm still married to."

They also have kids and she says she's been hospitalized three times because of her mental-health challenges.



Comedian Jennifer Hayward
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The show might sound dark, but she says that while it is an adult show it is also "really funny."

It starts off with her doing standup and then God (voiced by her husband) starts to heckle her.

And she argues back. No small feat for someone with borderline personality disorder. Hayward says one

Show details

The show plays Saturday at the Arts Court at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 at the door or \$15 on eventbrite.ca

feature of which is trouble filtering criticism. For instance, she would internalize criticism or a work report as a complete tearing down of her worth as an individual.

"It's a retelling not just what happened, but also what goes through the mind of someone with mental-health issues or in my case borderline personality disorder. For other people it really opens their eyes up to what the thought process is."

So how does she get up on stage?

"Through therapy I've learned to develop filters," she explains. And the charge of success on stage is very addictive. "There's no beating that rush."

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Target. Closures send 'a very strong message'

U.S. retailers planning to cross the border can learn some valuable lessons from the failure of Target, which announced Thursday it is shutting down its 133 Canadian stores just two years after its much-anticipated launch.

"It's a huge thing, after two years, for a brand like Target to wave the white flag," said Doug Stephens, the founder of Toronto-based consulting firm Retail Prophet. "I think that really sends a very strong message to others that maybe the Canadian market isn't the easy pickings that they thought it might be."

Canadians, who had high hopes for the discount retailer known for its broad product selection and low prices, were underwhelmed when they discovered bare shelves and less-than-impressive pricing in the new locations.

It all speaks to the importance of understanding the Canadian market and making a good first impression, Stephens said.

"You've got to deliver on customer expectations or exceed them."

Target's missteps, including supply chain issues that left shelves nearly empty during the all-important launch, could serve as a cautionary tale

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"You've got to deliver on customer expectations or exceed them."

Retail Prophet founder Doug Stephens

for other U.S. retailers, experts say.

Retail analyst Mark Satov says the biggest lesson for U.S. retailers is to test the Canadian market by entering at a gradual pace, rather than opening a large number of stores at once.

"You dip your toe into a new market and you learn, while controlling the potential loss," Satov said.

When Target first entered Canada, they opened more than 120 stores in the first year — a "Herculean feat" for any retailer, said Stephens.

Ultimately, Target failed to grasp some of the nuances of the Canadian market that its more established competitors understood, said Satov.

While U.S. chains may pause to consider Target's failure, the company's exodus is good news for other Canadian retailers, with Walmart Canada and Canadian Tire set to benefit the most, according to RBC analyst Irene Nattel.

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Shoppers browse at a Target store in Toronto on Thursday. Target says it will close its stores in Canada — a market that it entered only two years ago.

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Target Corp. to close 133 Canadian stores

Billions lost. Target expects US\$5.4 billion in losses over its last quarter, mostly from its underperforming Canadian stores

Less than two years after Target Corp. threw open the doors of its first Canadian stores with grand expectations, the discount retailer is retreating back to the United States in defeat.

The Minneapolis-based company said Thursday it has decided to wind up its money-losing operations in Canada, a move that affects 133 stores and 17,600 employees across most of the country.

"After a thorough review of our Canadian performance and careful consideration of the implications of all options, we were unable to find a realistic scenario that would get Target Canada to profitability until at least 2021," said Target chairman and chief executive Brian Cornell in the announcement.

Before its launch, Target was once considered the biggest threat to Canadian businesses, partly because its reputation with consumers was unique. Many Canadians would trek south of the border to wander the aisles of U.S. Target stores searching for deals and products they couldn't find at home.

But when Target arrived in Canada the story wasn't the same, as complaints flooded social media about empty shelves, high prices and a selection that fell short of expectations.

Target Corp. will record about US\$5.4 billion in pre-tax



Workers install an outdoor sign at the new Target store at the Mic Mac Mall in Dartmouth, N.S. on July 20, 2013. Target says it will discontinue operating its 133 Canadian stores. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

losses in its fourth-quarter, with most of it related to the Canadian operation.

The company said it would provide US\$175 million of credit to fund Target Canada's operations while it winds down under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act, or CCAA, a Canadian equivalent to the U.S. Bankruptcy Act.

RBC analyst Irene Nattel said it is unclear who would be in a position to take over Target's 133 stores.

Target says the stores will remain open during a court-supervised liquidation period and it's working to ensure employees are paid at least 16 weeks of severance.

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Retailers off-target

Target is far from the first retailer that has had trouble breaking into other markets. Here are some others:

- **Walmart.** The world's largest retailer, which now operates in 27 countries, rarely acknowledges defeat. But in 2006, the Bentonville, Arkansas-based discounter, threw in the towel in Germany.
- **Best Buy.** In January 2013, the consumer electronics chain said it would close 15 of its stores in Canada and

cut about 5 per cent of its workforce in the country as it tries to revamp its strategy there. In November 2011, it said it was closing all 11 of its U.K. big-box stores.

- **Sony.** Sony Corp. also announced it would be closing its 14 retail stores in Canada; they will be shut down over the next six to eight weeks. The company said its products will still be available online.

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Rehtaeh's story not finished: Mother

Parsons case. Man convicted of child porn distribution gets one year probation



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Metro in Halifax

The court proceedings surrounding the distribution of child porn in Rehtaeh Parsons' case may be over, but her mother says Rehtaeh's story is far from finished as she awaits the results of a review into how her daughter's case was handled by police.

On Thursday, the second man who pleaded guilty in the child porn case was sentenced in Halifax youth court to a year of probation for distributing a sexually graphic image showing Rehtaeh, who was 15, leaning out of a window as he smiled at the camera and gave a thumbs-up sign.

"Justice will only be served if this young man takes a different path in his



Glen Canning, father of Rehtaeh Parsons, leaves provincial court in Halifax on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015. A second young man who pleaded guilty in the child pornography case involving his daughter was sentenced to a year of probation. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

life," Rehtaeh's mother, Leah Parsons, told reporters outside court.

"If this man ... has some remorse and resolve to make

his life better."

The 17-year-old Parsons died after being taken off life-support following a suicide attempt in April 2013.

Her parents say she was bullied for months as a result of the photo.

The 20-year-old was ordered to attend counselling,

not contact Parsons's family, not drink or possess alcohol and submit a DNA sample, among other conditions.

Another 20-year-old man

in the case was given a conditional discharge in November after pleading guilty to making child pornography when he took the photograph.

Neither can be identified because they were minors when the crime occurred.

Both Leah and Rehtaeh's father, Glen Canning, appeared in court and read emotional victim impact statements, with Canning speaking from Rehtaeh's perspective.

Judge Gregory Lenehan said if anyone should be championing the cause against online bullying, it should be the accused "because you know ... better than anybody else how that activity can destroy lives."

Leah said she's been waiting "more so" for the upcoming investigative review conducted by Murray Segal than the sentencing results.

"What are in those reports, and what are the reasons that nothing was done when it should have been done, and why no sexual assault charges?" she said.

Dalhousie. Dentistry students avoid charges

Halifax Regional Police have finished a review of misogynistic comments about female dentistry students at Dalhousie University and conclude no crimes have been committed.

The police department says a team of senior investigators in the Criminal Investigation Division reviewed the material allegedly posted by male classmates of the women on a now-deactivated Facebook page.

The department says it will not proceed with a criminal investigation.

Dalhousie had initially refused a police request to provide the postings based on student privacy concerns, but then indicated it would co-operate.

Reports of the offensive posts and the university's initial response prompted rallies and calls for the expulsion of the 13 students.

Career consequences

The fourth-year students who were part of the Facebook group have been ordered to attend classes remotely and are suspended from clinical duties, which could affect their ability to graduate.

The Facebook page at the centre of the controversy has been taken down.

But according to the CBC, members of the Class of DDS Gentlemen page on Facebook voted on which woman they'd like to have "hate" sex with and joked about using chloroform on women.

The CBC said in another post, a woman is shown in a bikini with a caption that says, "Bang until stress is relieved or unconscious."

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Egypt

No reprieve for jailed journalist

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird said he "didn't leave Canada with any expectation that we could solve the issue today" of the case of imprisoned Egyptian-Canadian journalist Mohamed Fahmy.

Baird made the comments during a visit to Cairo on Thursday, after meeting with his Egyptian counterpart to discuss, among other things, the situation of the 40-year-old journalist who has spent more than a year behind bars in Cairo after he and two colleagues were arrested while working for satellite news broadcaster Al Jazeera English.

The statements came as a disappointment to Fahmy and his family, who had expressed hope that Baird's visit would mark the "finale" to what has been a nightmarish experience for the journalist.

"I do believe that Prime Minister (Stephen) Harper could do more to obtain my release if he were to directly intervene in our case," Fahmy said in a statement released by his lawyers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Online comments

"Bang until stress is relieved or (woman is) unconscious."

Caption on a photo of a woman in a bikini, posted on the Class of DDS Gentlemen page on Facebook, since taken down.

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Sanctions imposed after Dalhousie rugby club violated hazing policy

Athletes suspended.

Tiger men's team will not be able to play for remainder of the year

Members of Dalhousie University's rugby club have been found in violation of the school's hazing policy after a formal complaint was made by an employee last September.

Details of the complaint have never been made public, but the school in Halifax said Thursday that the Dalhousie Tigers men's rugby club would remain suspended from play for the remainder of the 2014-15 year.

The suspension is one of three sanctions against

the club in addition to five conditions that have been placed on it before it can resume play in 2015-16.

The university says club members who attended events on Sept. 20 are required to attend education sessions on hazing awareness and prevention, as well as the harm alcohol can cause.

The club's suspension will be removed for next year if it agrees that a committee consisting of team members and university representatives will select a new club executive, with prospective executive members interviewed and asked how they would address hazing.

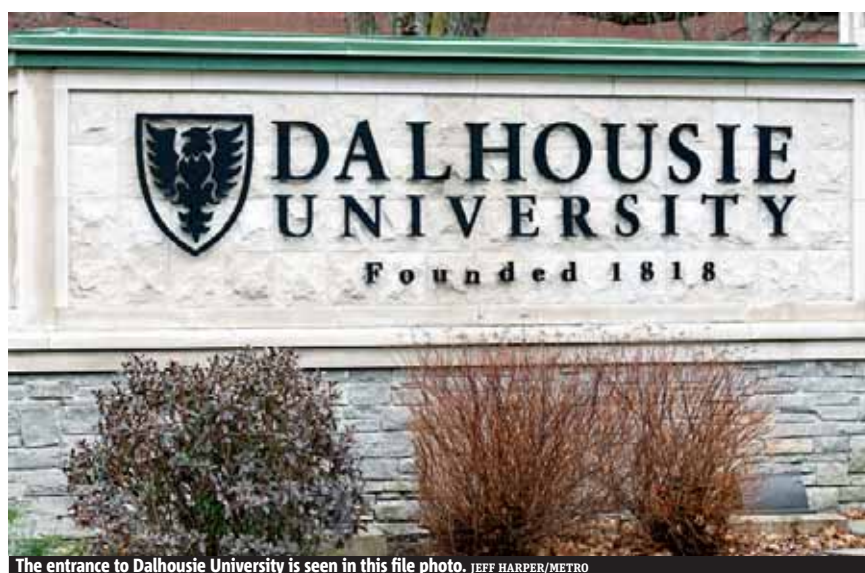
The club must also agree to ban alcohol from all team events and cannot en-

ter into agreements with alcohol companies.

"Dalhousie is committed to being a safe, respectful and inclusive place to learn and play," the school says in a statement.

This is the second time the school has investigated complaints against one of its teams. The women's hockey team was sidelined in 2013 over complaints of heavy drinking and humiliating behaviour. After the complaint about the rugby team became public, the school wouldn't provide details about the nature of the complaint, who filed it, where the incident occurred or who was involved, but said it was serious enough to warrant a suspension of the team's privileges.

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The entrance to Dalhousie University is seen in this file photo. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Fevers going up, immunity going down: Flu vaccine study

A new report from American scientists suggests this year's flu vaccine is offering modest levels of protection against the influenza viruses that are in circulation.

And while Canadian estimates are still being worked on, there is reason to suspect the vaccine effectiveness in this country may be lower still than what is being seen south of the border.

The report, published today by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, suggests that on average, the vaccine lowers

a person's risk of getting sick enough to need medical care by 23 per cent.

That low level of protection is attributed to the fact that the H3N2 viruses that are causing most of the flu this year in North America aren't a good match for the one in this year's vaccine.

The CDC report says about two-thirds of the H3N2 viruses seen in the U.S. so far this winter are not the type included in the vaccine because the viruses have mutated or drifted.

A leading Canadian flu re-

By the numbers

23%

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searcher says in Canada, nearly all the H3N2 viruses that are being seen are drifted viruses,

so the vaccine may not be working as well here.

Dr. Danuta Skowronski of the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control says the U.S. study shows modest protection in children aged six months to 17 years. But in 18 to 49-year-olds, and people aged 50 or older, the protection is 12 and 14 per cent respectively — and the numbers aren't statistically significant. That means the protection offered in these groups could be higher — but could be lower as well.

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The federal government is spending \$50,000 to celebrate the red and white maple leaf. ISTOCK

Flag turns 50. Feds cough up \$50K to mark Feb. 15

The federal government has allotted \$50,000 for celebrations for the upcoming 50th birthday of the iconic Maple Leaf flag.

That's compared to almost \$4 million for a campaign marking the 200th anniversary of Sir John A. Macdonald's birth, and \$5.2 million spent on the bicentennial of the War of 1812.

Canadian Heritage said Thursday that the \$50,000 includes funds for promotional material, a photo exhibit during Ottawa's upcoming Winterlude festivities and various "outreach products."

In an email, a spokesman

also said the department has provided more than \$200,000 to organizations, including provincial lieutenant-governors, for their 50th birthday projects.

By way of contrast, the government announced earlier this week it will spend \$1.5 million on a cross-country project to raise awareness about the Holodomor, a state-sponsored famine in Ukraine in 1932-33 in which millions starved while resisting Soviet collectivist policies. The flag — the brainchild of Liberal prime minister Lester B. Pearson — turns 50 on Feb. 15. THE CANADIAN PRESS



A nurse working for Vancouver Island Vaccine loads a syringe with flu vaccine for injection at the Victoria Clipper Terminal in Victoria. CHUCK STOODY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

19,000 French sites hit by cyberattacks

Charlie Hebdo fallout.

France is on edge since last week's terror attacks; French president seeks to calm religious tensions

Hackers have targeted about 19,000 French websites since a rampage by Islamic extremists left 20 dead last week, a top French cyberdefence official said Thursday as the president tried to calm the nation's inflamed religious tensions.

France is on edge since last week's attacks, which began Jan. 7 at the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo.

The paper, repeatedly threatened for its caricatures of the Muslim Prophet Muhammad, buried several of its slain staff members Thursday even as it reprinted another weekly issue with Muhammad on its cover.

Calling it an unprecedented surge, Admiral Arnaud Coustilliere, head of cyberdefence for the French military, said about 19,000 French websites had faced cyberattacks in recent days, some carried out by well-known Islamic hacker groups.

The attacks, mostly relatively minor denial-of-service attacks, hit sites as varied as military regiments to pizza shops but none appeared to have caused serious damage, he said.

Military authorities launched round-the-clock



Pallbearers carry the casket of Charlie Hebdo cartoonist Bernard Verlhac, known as Tignous, decorated by colleagues. MICHEL EULER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

surveillance to protect the government sites still coming under attack.

"What's new, what's important, is that this is 19,000 sites — that's never been seen before," Coustilliere said.

"This is the first time that a country has been faced with such a large wave."

Among the groups sus-

pected of launching the attacks, French officials named MECA: Middle East Cyber Army, Fallaga team and Cyber Caliphate.

According to Arbor Networks, a private company that monitors Internet threats, in a 24-hour period alone, France was the target of 1,070 denial of service attacks.

Pope Francis

Pope Francis said Thursday there are limits to freedom of speech, especially when it insults or ridicules someone's faith.

- Francis spoke about the Paris attacks while en route to the Philippines, defending free speech as not only a fundamental human right but a duty to speak one's mind for the common good. But he said there were limits.
- Francis by no means said the violent attack on Charlie Hebdo was justified. He said such horrific violence in God's name couldn't be justified and was an "aberration."

That's about a quarter as many as the United States, but the U.S. hosts 30 times as many websites.

Coustilliere called the attacks a response to the massive demonstrations against terrorism that drew 3.7 million people into the streets Sunday across France.

He pointed to groups that used tactics like posting jihadist symbols on companies' websites.

President Francois Hollande insisted Thursday that any anti-Muslim or anti-Semitic acts must be "severely punished."

He said France's Muslims should be respected, "just as they themselves should respect the nation."

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Security. Two suspects dead in shootout in Belgian anti-terror raid

Belgian security forces killed two terror suspects with links to Syria in a fierce shootout in the eastern city of Verviers on Thursday and arrested another, foiling a major and imminent attack against police buildings, authorities said.

The raid came amid an international hunt for possible accomplices to attackers who killed 17 people in France last week before being shot dead by police. Those attacks, by men claiming allegiance to the Islamic State group in Syria and al-Qaida in Yemen, have raised fears around Europe of more attacks.

Belgian federal magistrate Eric Van der Sypt said in Brussels that there was no link at this stage between the Paris attacks and the Belgian operation, which he said is the result of an investigation that

has been underway for a few weeks.

The suspects immediately opened fire on police when they closed in on them near the city's train station, he said. There was an intense firefight for several minutes on an upper level of a building in Verviers where the raid took place, which appears to be residential.

"These were extremely well-armed men" with automatic weapons, Van der Sypt said. Police buildings were the target of an attack expected within hours or days, he said.

"We still expect a number of arrests," he said. No police were wounded or killed in the firefight, which occurred at the height of rush hour in a crowded neighbourhood. Verviers, a former industrial town. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AirAsia

Bad weather hinders search for bodies

Bad weather and poor underwater visibility on Thursday prevented Indonesian navy divers from searching inside the large chunk of AirAsia jet wreckage that is believed to be the fuselage.

At least 15 divers descended to the seabed at a depth of 28 metres to examine the piece of wreckage, calculate its weight, and search for bodies. They were unable to do so because of the weather and sea conditions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Investigation

Bus crash kills eight prisoners, two guards

Investigators trying to determine the cause of a West Texas prison bus crash, which killed eight inmates and two guards, returned to the site Thursday to sift through the debris.

The state Department of Criminal Justice bus skidded on an icy overpass, slid down an embankment and collided with a passing Union Pacific freight train Wednesday morning, leaving the bus a crumpled mass.

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Obama to ask for \$2B so states can create paid leave programs

Addressing issue at State of the Union.

U.S. president is renewing his push for paid leave for parents and other workers

President Barack Obama on Thursday renewed his push for paid leave for parents and other workers, saying he's astonished so many people don't get paid sick leave.

"How can we support working families so they have the tools to succeed in this new economy?" Obama asked at a Baltimore café that offers earned sick leave to workers. He and Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) had just discussed work-life balance with women.

The White House said this week that Obama will make a new push on the issue, begin-



President Barack Obama signs a presidential memorandum Thursday on paid leave. CAROLYN KASTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ning with the State of the Union address he delivers Tuesday night.

Obama will call on Congress, states and cities to pass measures to allow tens of mil-

lions of workers to earn up to a week of paid sick time a year. He'll ask Congress for more than \$2 billion to encourage states to create paid family and

medical leave programs.

In addition, Obama aims to provide federal employees with up to six weeks of paid sick leave to care for a new child.

And he'll propose Congress pass legislation to give federal workers an additional six weeks of paid parental leave.

Obama said the Baltimore

Paid leave at forefront

"We really can do something about it."

U.S. President Barack Obama, noting that the issue of paid leave transcends demographics and geography.

café owner has offered above-minimum-wage pay and earned sick leave to all employees since opening in late 2010. He said that "pays dividends," citing reduced turnover as one benefit.

Obama wants Congress to pass legislation to allow workers to earn up to a week of paid sick leave to care for themselves or a sick family member, obtain preventive care or deal with domestic violence. Workers would earn an hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours they work.

Obama will call on states and cities to adopt similar legislation. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Utah. Same-sex supporter faces Mormon expulsion

A Mormon man well-known for running a website that provides a forum for church members questioning their faith said Thursday that he is set to be kicked out of the religion later this month.

John Dehlin of Logan, Utah, said a regional church letter informed him that a disciplinary hearing is scheduled for Jan. 25, at which he's likely to be censured or excommunicated.

The letter cites the website, Mormonstories.org, and his public support of same-sex marriage as reasons for accusing him of apostasy, Dehlin said. The church defines apostasy as "repeatedly acting in clear, open, and deliberate public opposition to the church or its faithful leaders, or persisting, after receiving counsel, in teaching false doctrine."

Excommunication is rare and brings down the harshest punishment available on a church member.

"While my family and I would prefer to be left alone by LDS church leadership at this time, I would much rather face excommunication than disavow my moral convictions," Dehlin said in a statement on his website. He has faced church discipline multiple times over the last decade.

Officials with the Salt Lake

Previous cases

Last year, the church excommunicated Kate Kelly, founder of a prominent Mormon women's group that staged demonstrations in a push to permit women to join the faith's lay clergy. That move sent ripples throughout Mormon communities around the United States.

- Scholars say Kelly and Dehlin are the most high-profile examples of excommunication since 1993. That year, the church disciplined six Mormon writers who questioned church doctrine, ousting five and kicking out a sixth temporarily.

City-based Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints didn't immediately have comment Thursday. Church leaders have previously declined to discuss Dehlin's case specifically but have said the church welcomes questions and sincere conversations about the faith.

They have concerns, however, about members who distance themselves from doctrine and encourage others to follow them. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sentence completed

Puerto Rican militant returns home after prison

Supporters of Puerto Rican independence are welcoming the return of a 69-year-old man who has completed a prison sentence for his role in a 1983 holdup in Connecticut carried out by Puerto Rican militants.

Norberto Gonzalez Claudio arrived Thursday in Puerto Rico. Some 150 supporters raised fists in the air and waved Puerto Rican flags. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ohio

Man planned to 'wage jihad': FBI

An Ohio man's Twitter posts sympathizing with Islamic terrorists led to an FBI operation and the man's arrest on charges that he plotted to blow up the U.S. Capitol and kill government officials. Christopher Lee Cornell, also known as Raheel Mahrus Ubaydah, told an FBI informant they should "wage jihad," and showed his plans for bombing the Capitol, according to a criminal complaint.

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Bombardier shares in tailspin after business jet put on hold

Learjet 85. Slow sales, not technical issues, behind decision to pause development of jet, company chief says

Bombardier's shares plunged more than 25 per cent in heavy trading Thursday following a revised outlook for its aerospace business, including plans to put development of the Learjet 85 business jet on hold, eliminating 1,000 jobs in the United States and Mexico.

On the Toronto Stock Exchange, the Montreal-based company's shares dropped \$1.07 or 25.85 per cent to a more than two-year low of \$3.07 on a very heavy volume of some 65 million shares.

The aerospace and rail equipment manufacturer said before markets opened that it would "pause" development of the Learjet 85, but continue to sell other



Bombardier said it plans to put development of the Learjet 85, pictured above, on hold due to weak customer interest. CONTRIBUTED

models and focus on two other aircraft programs — the Global 7000/8000 business jet and the much-delayed CSeries passenger jet for commercial airlines.

About 600 employees who worked on the Learjet 85 will be switched to the

Global and CSeries projects, the company said.

President and CEO Pierre Beaudoin confirmed slow sales and weak immediate prospects for improvement in the smaller business jet market were behind the Learjet 85 decision, not be-

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"It's a market that has not come back since 2008 and we think that the right decision ... is to take a pause."

Pierre Beaudoin, Bombardier's president and CEO

cause of any further technical problems with the aircraft, whose first flight was delayed until last April.

Beaudoin denied that Thursday's announcement signals that Bombardier is in peril. "We have a product line where we are the global leaders in business aircraft, regional aircraft and in our train business," he said.

The Learjet announcement follows last year's elimination of 2,900 positions around the world. It laid off more than 200 workers last June because of delays in the Learjet 85 flight test program.

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Caesars. Unit of casino giant files for Chapter 11

A cash-strapped division of casino giant Caesars Entertainment Corp. said early Thursday that it filed for bankruptcy protection in Chicago, hoping the court agrees to its plan to get out from under \$18.4 billion US of debt.

The division Caesars Entertainment Operating Co. owns and operates most of Caesars' 50 properties worldwide. Caesars CEO Gary Loveman said in a statement that its casino-hotels would

remain open and continue to host meetings and events, assuring customers that their loyalty points would still accrue and the company's lineup of on-stage entertainers would keep performing according to their schedules.

More than 30,000 people are employed at Caesars Entertainment Operating Co.'s 38 casino-hotels, including Bally's and Caesars in Atlantic City and the iconic Caesars Palace on the Las Vegas Strip.

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A man takes photos of Caesars Palace hotel and casino in Las Vegas Monday. The cash-strapped division of casino giant Caesars Entertainment Corp. said Thursday it filed for bankruptcy protection. JOHN LOCHER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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Furniture

Ikea recalling baby mattresses

Ikea says it's recalling 169,000 baby crib mattresses in Canada and the U.S. after receiving two reports of infants getting trapped between the mattress and the end panels.

The recall applies to mattresses used for Ikea's Vyssa-style cribs, including the models Vacker, Vinka, Spelevink, Sloa and Slumner.

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BlackBerry. Shares give back recent gains

BlackBerry shares have given back a little over half of the spectacular gains that they made late Wednesday after a news report said the Canadian smartphone company had been approached by South Korean rival Samsung with a takeover offer.

Both companies have since issued denials.

BlackBerry responded late Wednesday that it has not engaged in discussions with Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. about a possible takeover and



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Samsung sent an email saying the report was "groundless."

Reuters said Samsung had met with BlackBerry executives over the possibility of buying the Canadian company for \$7.5 billion US.

The news agency cited both a source familiar with the proposal and related documents. The two companies are rivals in the smartphone business but have worked together on technology.

BlackBerry and Samsung announced a partnership last November where the Wat-

erloo, Ont.-based company made its mobile security technology available for the Android operating system that is used in many of Samsung's smartphones.

For BlackBerry, the arrangement gave their software the ability to work on Samsung's Galaxy and Note smartphones, while it provided Samsung an opportunity to get the attention of business customers that BlackBerry courts.

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**THE KOHLER
REPORT**
By Rebecca Kohler

How far would you go to get an ass like Kim Kardashian's? Would you do 700 squats a week to build your glutes? Or eat a bucket of KFC per day in hopes of plumping up? Maybe both at once?

Would you meet a woman, claiming to be a nurse who trained in South America, in a hotel room and pay her thousands of dollars to inject "something" into your buttock using a caulking gun? If it's the last one, you wouldn't be alone.

It was reported this week that Toronto-area woman Marilyn Ely Reid pleaded guilty to eight counts of aggravated assault after injecting at least nine women's bum-bums with poly-methyl-methacrylate (PMMA), a hard plastic used as a shatter-resistant alternative to regular glass, among other things. The "procedure," which is not approved by Health Canada, led to severe complications in most of the women and,

according to doctors, could have been fatal.

Marilyn Reid is clearly an opportunistic monster who should certainly go to jail. But this story saddened me past the fact that some people are terrible.

I have insecurities: face, stomach, overall entire body, the usual. I won't lie, I've Googled certain plastic surgery procedures out of curiosity. There was one involving the under-eye area I was even tempted to pursue, but then I read that there was a two-week healing period.

I realized I'd either have to hide in a cave for two weeks or go out in public and admit that I'd had plastic surgery. I very quickly decided my eyes weren't that bad and went to Shoppers and bought an overpriced cream that I made myself believe would work instead.

I get wanting to "improve" yourself. And I don't want to judge the women who trusted Marilyn Reid and say they should have known that aside from prostitutes and drug dealers, anyone who wants to conduct business in a ho-

tel room is shady at best. But why would these women risk their lives for a passing fad? How long will big butts even be the bomb?

Nicki Minaj and Meghan Trainor are in today, but whose butt will we look to tomorrow? The media is like a weather forecast for your self-esteem. If you have a booty today, great, you're all set. But next time the Twiggy-tuckus is in and you get liposuction, should you save the fat? Keep it in a Ziploc and freeze it so when round rears come back, you can have your butt reinstated?

A quick Google of PMMA brings up some scary stuff. Once it's in your body, it's difficult to remove. Infections are common and pieces of the stuff can get loose in your blood stream and cause all sorts of havoc.

One of Reid's victims was left permanently disfigured, others developed abscesses, infections and one woman was in the hospital for three weeks and couldn't work for an entire year. All this to look better twerking?

I found this post in an Ask an Expert forum: "I had PMMA injections done on my butt in November and I wanted to know when does it stop growing and are there any long term side effects?"

Imagine having a substance in your body that won't stop "growing." And imagine having to resort to the Internet for medical advice because when you tried to ask the person who administered your injections you realized it was just a circus monkey in a white coat.

From Marilyn Monroe to Kate Moss to Kim Kardashian, society itself is on a yo-yo diet and everyone knows yo-yo dieting is bad for you. I'm not saying we can't admire Kardashian's butt, it's an amazing butt, but, do you really want to die for it?

Rebecca Kohler is a stand-up comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter at @becca_kohler

Target says goodbye

FAREWELL,
DEAR TARGET
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When you receive texts from multiple people conveying their condolences to you on the closure of Target, you start to realize you may have a problem.

Thankfully I was already wearing black and didn't have to rush home and put on my mourning clothes.

I have been to Target in the United States, and yes, it is far superior. However, Target Canada was still better than my other options. And the clearance? Amazing! When I got \$75 video games for \$10 and gave them out at kids' birthday parties I felt like Oprah handing out cars. Our family moved into a new home this past year, and the whole place is basically a Target store ad. On closing day when we picked up our keys, we stopped at Target before we went home to pick up the flatbed trolley of furniture I had on hold.

We didn't have a dining room table or a bed, but we had a blue velvet bench with tufted buttons. (On clearance, thank you very much.)

Oh, Target. The place where I have browsed, tried on, and spent too much (way too much) money. It's where I learned that 70 per cent off really did exist and people in red shirts and khakis were the grownup version of Disney characters. It's where I went at least a couple times a week to hide from my husband and two young kids and get lost in the never-ending supply of chevron fashion scarves.

I may hold a memorial service for Target.

I'll serve tea sandwiches on a stylish metal tray from the kitchen department, guests can sit on one of the slipper chairs I purchased from the furniture department, and we'll wipe our tears away with tissues from home essentials.

So long, Target. Although my husband and my Visa bill won't miss you, I definitely will.

Evie Sabeau lives in Bedford, N.S. and will soon have more time on her hands and money in her pocket.


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Confession time: As one of those rare Manitobans who didn't shop across the border, Target always seemed an enigma to me, like a far-off Shangri-La.

Those people I knew who did make the trip to Grand Forks would return with stories of cheap clothes, foods, and brand names that weren't available in Canada.

When Target announced it was moving into Winnipeg, I didn't know what to expect, but there were thousands of my fellow 'Peggys who did.

The rich man's Zellers

Target seemed to look the same as when its predecessor Zellers had its liquidation sale, albeit more clean.

And it seems Target simply didn't live up to expectations. It sure didn't for me about three weeks before this past Halloween, when the flyer brandishing cheap candy brought me to the Kildonan Place store on the same Friday the sale prices kicked in. But there was nothing when I got there in the afternoon — on the same day the sale started. Bare shelves were a common problem; Target seemed to look the same as when its predecessor Zellers had its liquidation sale, albeit more clean. The prices weren't as good as the other big box stores, and if there isn't enough stock, customers won't waste time going there.

I'm not shedding a tear at Target's departure, though I am heartbroken at the 17,600 people who've lost their jobs. In Canada, Target just wasn't our Shangri-La.

Bernice Pontanilla is a senior reporter for Metro Winnipeg.

We can't hack more hacker plots

Analysis. Universal has been mum on finding links between the Sony scandal and their high-tech thriller *Blackhat*

Sometimes clichés are clichés because they are true. No news is good news. A penny saved is a penny earned. Any publicity is good publicity.

No news is usually good news — unless you're the editor of a newspaper with blank pages to fill — and the math behind a penny saved is a penny earned isn't so hard to figure out, but recently the veracity of any publicity being good publicity has been put to the test.

The Sony hack and ensuing commotion that swirled around the Seth Rogen movie *The Interview* garnered headlines around the world, moving the story off the entertainment pages and into the news sections.

Stories, some true some not, and reviews, some good, some not, lit up social media.

The brouhaha surrounding the film lived at the very heart of popular culture for several weeks and even President Obama weighed in. But notwithstanding the endorsement of the most powerful film critic in the world, the movie is unlikely to actually make money.

The Guardian suggests *The Interview's* total cost sits somewhere near \$80 million in production and marketing costs, and at the time of this writing has only earned \$36 million in digital rentals, purchases



Chris Hemsworth plays the world's hottest computer nerd in *Blackhat*. CONTRIBUTED

In Focus

RICHARD CROUSE



Blackhat

Director. Michael Mann

Stars. Chris Hemsworth, Viola Davis

Cyber crime is a hot-button topic but it doesn't make for very compelling cinema. *Blackhat*, director Michael Mann's new thriller, is hampered by a lack of drama. Chris Hemsworth plays a genius hacker sprung from prison to help the FBI and Chinese government track

down a cyber terrorist, but endless scenes of Hemsworth furiously typing on a laptop aren't the stuff thrillers are made of. Mann tries to spice things up with frenetic shots of a camera racing along wires and onto the information highway, but we've seen that in every hacker movie ever made so it comes across as a hack move in a movie without much to offer. He does stage the occasional heart-pounding action scene, but at 133 minutes the movie feels in need of a reboot.

and traditional theatrical receipts. The Guardian also says Sony could be facing "damage north of \$1 billion by some estimates" as a result of the hack.

So, if this was all a massive publicity stunt, as asserted by certain outspoken twitterati, it was a marketing failure of Titanic proportions and it could even hurt the box office of other films.

This weekend *Blackhat* stars Chris Hemsworth as the world's best-looking computer hacker, now serving a 15-year sentence for internet crime.

Authorities give him a get-out-of-jail-free card because he's the only computer whiz on earth geekified enough to stop a cyber terrorist from causing havoc.

You might think a hacking movie would be perfectly timed to take advantage of the hoopla surrounding the Sony situation and yet Universal made no attempt to connect the dots between real-life events and their movie.

Why? The New York Times, quoting unnamed sources, opined that "ticket buyers could be tired of hacking stories after weeks of media attention on Sony, and a film that is too topical might strike potential viewers as less entertaining."

Perhaps Universal's decision not to cash in on the publicity generated by real life events reveals there is no room for current events in a marketplace where two of the top 10 grossing movies of 2014 were based on toy lines (the rest were inspired by novels and comic books) or maybe that sound we hear is the swoosh of an old cliché swirling down the bowl.

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Well, that takes the Cake! Aniston among Oscar nomination snubs

Academy Awards.

Selma receives token nominations, while Ralph Fiennes and Jake Gyllenhaal join Aniston in getting cold shoulder

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The big takeaway from the Oscar nominations isn't what was nominated but what wasn't.

Selma seemed like a no-brainer Academy Awards shoe-in: the first Hollywood film about Martin Luther King Jr. (played by David Oyelowo), directed not by a white man but by a black woman (Ava DuVernay), released into the world amidst race-related marches and protests not too dissimilar from the ones recreated in the film. To paraphrase (with censoring) William Hurt in *A History of Violence*, how do you screw *that* up?

And yet *Selma* wound up with a mere two nominations, one for best song (by John Legend and Common, that won a Golden Globe Sunday) and a token one for best picture. "Token best picture nomination" is a strange-sounding term, but that's how it goes when there are now eight best picture nominees. Would *Selma* have even gotten that in the age of five nominees?

Also snubbed were DuVernay, whose win would have been the kind of story Oscar voters (and journos, and readers) love, and Oyelowo (ditto). But hey, AMAPS feted 12 Years a Slave last year, so maybe they think they can take a year off from caring about race?

Also ignored was Ralph Fiennes' alert, hilarious turn in Wes Anderson's *The Grand Budapest Hotel*, which nonetheless received nine nominations — the most of any single film. (In second came *Birdman*, with eight.) Jake Gyllenhaal was MIA for his electric turn as a sociopathic freelance journalist in *Nightcrawler*. And after a baldly transparent Oscar campaign for her tiny film *Cake*, Jennifer Aniston — who gained weight for the film — was not among the best actress nominees.

Upsets also happened in the best animated feature category — where one of the



Michael Keaton and Edward Norton in *Birdman*.

Canadian nominees

Three Canadians are celebrating Oscar nominations for their work on animated films.

- How To Train Your Dragon 2 director Dean DeBlois, fresh off a Golden Globe win for best animated feature, is now up for an Academy Award in the same category. DeBlois is from Aylmer, Que.
- Graham Annable of Sault Ste Marie, Ont., is also nominated for a best animated feature Oscar as a co-director for *The Boxtrolls*.
- And Norway-born, Montreal-raised Torill Kove is up for a prize in the best animated short film category for *Me and My Moulton*.



Reese Witherspoon in *Wild*. CONTRIBUTED



Foxcatcher received several nominations including best director. CONTRIBUTED

largely ignored by the Golden Globes, Clint Eastwood's non-jingoistic *American Sniper* walked off with six nominations, including picture and actor, for Bradley Cooper.

Perhaps the best news, after *The Grand Budapest Hotel*'s many noms, is *Boyhood* and its six nominations, including picture, director (for Richard Linklater), and supporting actress (Patricia Arquette) and actor (Ethan Hawke). Filmed piecemeal over 12 years, *Boyhood* won the Golden Globe for best pic-

ture (drama) and seems to be the frontrunner for the biggest trophy.

Also continuing their awards season dominance were *Birdman*, *The Imitation Game* and *The Theory of Everything*, which cleaned up in the acting categories. And if anyone cares, *Interstellar* received two separate sound nominations, despite complaints that at times few could even make out what the hell the actors were saying.

The ceremony airs on Sunday, Feb. 22.

The Oscars. And the top nominations go to...

It's the moment you — or at least professional "Oscar prognosticators" — have been waiting for. The Oscar nominations have been announced. The show airs Feb. 22, giving you less than a month to catch up with *Selma*, *Still Alice*, *Whiplash* and — who are we kidding? You're just going to see *Taken 3* again.

Among the notable snubs, incidentally: *Selma* for everything but Best Picture and Best Song, Ralph Fiennes for *The Grand Budapest Hotel*, *The Lego Movie* and the Roger Ebert doc *Life Itself*. Then again, Marion Cotillard for *Two Days, One Night*!

Best Picture

- *American Sniper*
- *Birdman*
- *Boyhood*
- *The Grand Budapest Hotel*
- *The Imitation Game*
- *Selma*
- *The Theory of Everything*
- *Whiplash*

Best Director

- Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu, *Birdman*
- Richard Linklater, *Boyhood*
- Bennett Miller, *Foxcatcher*
- Wes Anderson, *The Grand Budapest Hotel*
- Morten Tyldem, *The Imitation Game*

Best Actor

- Steve Carell, *Foxcatcher*
- Bradley Cooper, *American Sniper*
- Benedict Cumberbatch, *The Imitation Game*
- Michael Keaton, *Birdman*
- Eddie Redmayne, *The Theory of Everything*

Best Actress

- Marion Cotillard, *Two Days, One Night*
- Felicity Jones, *The Theory of Everything*
- Julianne Moore, *Still Alice*
- Rosamund Pike, *Gone Girl*
- Reese Witherspoon, *Wild*

Best Supporting Actor

- Robert Duvall, *The Judge*
- Ethan Hawke, *Boyhood*
- Edward Norton, *Birdman*

- Mark Ruffalo, *Foxcatcher*
- J.K. Simmons, *Whiplash*

Best Supporting Actress

- Patricia Arquette, *Boyhood*
- Laura Dern, *Wild*
- Keira Knightley, *The Imitation Game*
- Emma Stone, *Birdman*
- Meryl Streep, *Into the Woods*

Best Adapted Screenplay

- *American Sniper*
- *The Imitation Game*
- *Inherent Vice*
- *The Theory of Everything*
- *Whiplash*

Best Original Screenplay

- *Birdman*
- *Boyhood*
- *Foxcatcher*
- *The Grand Budapest Hotel*
- *Nightcrawler*

Best Foreign Film

- *Ida*
- *Leviathan*
- *Tangerines*
- *Timbuktu*
- *Wild Tales*

Best Documentary Feature

- *Citizenfour*
- *Finding Vivian Maier*
- *Last Days in Vietnam*
- *Virunga*
- *Salt of the Earth*

Best Animated Feature

- *Big Hero 6*
- *The Boxtrolls*
- *How to Train Your Dragon 2*
- *Song of the Sea*
- *The Tale of the Princess Kaguya*

Best Song

- *The Lego Movie*
- *Selma*
- *Beyond the Lights*
- Glen Campbell: *I'll Be Me*
- *Begin Again*

Best Cinematography

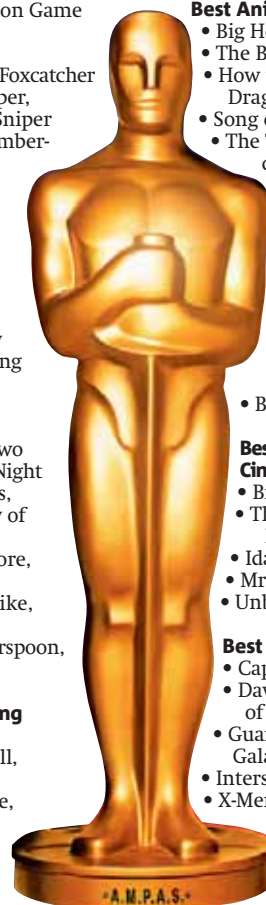
- *Birdman*
- *The Grand Budapest Hotel*
- *Ida*
- *Mr. Turner*
- *Unbroken*

Best Visual Effects

- *Captain America*
- *Dawn of the Planet of the Apes*
- *Guardians of the Galaxy*
- *Interstellar*
- *X-Men: Days of Future Past*

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Now in theatres

Comedy



Paddington

Director. Paul King

Stars. Nicole Kidman, Hugh Bonneville

From the beloved novels by Michael Bond and producer David Heyman (Harry Potter), Paddington tells the story of the comic misadventures of a young Peruvian bear (voiced by Firth) who travels to the city in search of a home. Finding himself lost and alone, he begins to realize that city life is not all he had imagined — until he meets the kindly Brown family.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: Audience:
🍅 96% 🍿 87%

Comedy



The Wedding Ringer

Director. Jeremy Garelick

Stars. Josh Gad, Kevin Hart

Doug Harris (Josh Gad) is a lovable but socially awkward groom-to-be with a problem: He has no best man. With less than two weeks to go until he marries the girl of his dreams (Kaley Cuoco-Sweeting), Doug is referred to Jimmy Callahan (Kevin Hart), owner and CEO of Best Man, Inc., a company that provides flattering best men for socially challenged guys in need. What ensues is a hilarious wedding charade.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: Audience:
No reviews yet +93%

Drama



American Sniper

Director. Clint Eastwood

Stars. Bradley Cooper, Sienna Miller

From director Clint Eastwood comes American Sniper, starring Bradley Cooper as Chris Kyle, the most lethal sniper in U.S. military history. U.S. Navy SEAL sniper Kyle is sent to Iraq with only one mission: to protect his brothers-in-arms. His pinpoint accuracy saves countless lives on the battlefield. However, his reputation is also growing behind enemy lines, putting a price on his head.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: Audience:
🍃 74% + 99%

Mystery/Drama



Inherent Vice

Director. Paul Thomas Anderson

Stars. Joaquin Phoenix

Inherent Vice is the seventh feature from Paul Thomas Anderson and the first-ever film adaption of a Thomas Pynchon novel. Private eye Doc Sportello's ex-old lady suddenly shows up with a story about her current billionaire boyfriend, and a plot by his wife and her boyfriend to kidnap that billionaire and throw him in a looney bin...well, easy for her to say.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: Audience:
🍅 73% + 94%

Action/Adventure



Taken 3

Director. Olivier Megaton

Stars. Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace

Liam Neeson returns as ex-covert operative Bryan Mills, whose reconciliation with his ex-wife is tragically cut short when she is brutally murdered. Consumed with rage, and framed for the crime, he goes on the run to evade the relentless pursuit of the CIA, FBI and the police. For one last time, Mills must use his "particular set of skills," to track down the real killers.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: Audience:
🍃 31% + 96%

Drama



Mr. Turner

Director. Mike Leigh

Stars. Timothy Spall, Paul Jesson

This film explores the last quarter century of the great if eccentric British painter J.M.W. Turner (1775-1851). Profoundly affected by the death of his father, loved by a housekeeper he takes for granted and occasionally exploits sexually, he forms a close relationship with a seaside landlady with whom he eventually lives incognito in Chelsea, where he dies.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
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Hemsworth whips into shape to play a brainy cyber hacker

Blackhat. Avenger's Thor had to slim down and improve his computer skills for his role as Hathaway in new Michael Mann cyber-security thriller

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When you hire the guy who plays Thor in The Avengers to be the lead hacker in your cyber-security drama, you accept that he's going to be one of those rare hackers in reality, really good shape.

But Michael Mann wanted it to at least be plausible that Chris Hemsworth's super-human physique could belong to an expert coder.

So we meet Hathaway — Hemsworth's character in Blackhat — behind bars, doing time for computer crimes, and a lot of push-ups.

"Once I'm done with Thor, I get rid of that bulk and size because that just sort of screams that character," Hemsworth explains. "Me and Michael talked about the time he'd spent in prison. You go in one person and come out another and, through those experiences he was going to physically be able to handle himself."

Being able to pull that off meant more than the usual post-Thor slim-down.

"I wanted to do more with my training than just running on the treadmill and trying to get rid of the weight," he says.



Chris Hemsworth plays a computer hacker in Blackhat. CONTRIBUTED

"I've boxed a lot in the past and done a lot of Muay Thai."

Of course, hitting the gym wasn't the only training Hemsworth had to undergo. He also had to pass muster behind a keyboard, something that was much more foreign to him.

So time spent with the cyber-security experts hired for the film — some of them former black hat hackers (the 'dark side' hackers) — proved invaluable.

"I was pretty limited in my digital, cyber involvement. It fascinated me," he says. "It became evident pretty quick that the majority of us knew nothing compared to what these guys knew."

"I remember asking one of the guys, 'Knowing what you know, do you look at the world differently? Do you feel you have an upper hand?'"

"He just started laughing."

Quoted

"That's the power now: the brains. They're the superheroes."

Actor Chris Hemsworth, on cyber experts

He said, 'Man, people have no idea how exposed they are and vulnerable and what's possible.'

"And that's it, that's the power now: the brains. Not just in the criminal world but anywhere, they're the guys that are the superheroes, you know? That sort of highly intelligent, alien-type advancement that these guys seem to have within themselves was something that, every day, impressed me."

Also impressive was Mann's insistence on shooting on location, in places as authentic to the story as possible — which

took them to Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta and Hong Kong.

"You could shoot on the backlot in L.A. somewhere, in some parking lot and mock it up on a green screen, which I've had plenty of over the years. But you have a visceral, physical response to being in those places," he explains.

"The sights and sounds and smells just bring something out of you, and you're not having to fake or imagine that it's there. It becomes as much of an actor — something you bounce off — as the other people you're working with."

"That was such a treat, to work in those places, which are loud and noisy. A lot of the time, I remember the sound guy was worried about it, 'We can't shoot this, it's too much noise.' And Michael was just, 'No, no, keep going, this is great.'"

Avatar sequels. James Cameron delays the first of three followup films

Director James Cameron said Wednesday that writing three Avatar sequels is such a complex job he will delay the first film by a year, so it will now be released in late 2017.

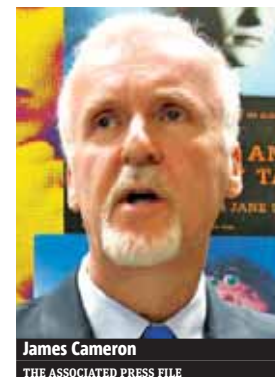
Cameron plans to film all of the highly anticipated sequels at one time and then release the three films over consecutive years.

The first had been due in late 2016, but he said the writing process proved to be "very involved" and that the initial target date was probably too ambitious.

"There's a layer of complexity in getting the story to work as a saga across three films that you don't get when you're making a stand-alone film," he said in Wellington, New Zealand, where he was helping promote the local film industry with other directors, including Peter Jackson.

Cameron said the goal is to have the three scripts completed this month. He's leading the writing team.

"We're writing three simultaneously. And we've done that so that everything tracks throughout the three films. We're not just going to do one and then make up another one and another one after that," he said. "And parallel with that, we're doing all the design. So we've designed



James Cameron
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

all the creatures and the environments."

Cameron said it's important that each film links forward to the next one in a satisfying way, but also comes to a resolution so that the audience isn't left hanging.

Released in 2009, Avatar is the highest-grossing film in history, with a box-office take of nearly \$2.8 billion. It was named best drama at the Golden Globes and won

Academy Awards for cinematography, visual effects and art direction.

Cameron shot the original movie in New Zealand and is planning to shoot the sequels there.

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The original Avatar set a box-office record.

Remake

Affleck and Fincher to remake classic

Ben Affleck and David Fincher are reteaming for a remake of Alfred Hitchcock's Strangers on a Train.

On the heels of their hit Gone Girl, the star and director will reunite for a film based on the 1951 classic in which two strangers meet on a train

and conspire to carry out murders for one another.

Gone Girl scribe Gillian Flynn is expected to write the screenplay, based on a Patricia Highsmith novel.

Fincher's thriller is to move the initial meeting to a plane. Affleck will play the Farley Granger tennis star of the original, only he'll now be a Hollywood star in the midst of an Oscar campaign.

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Ben Affleck



Theatre award. Chris Pratt chosen as Hasty Pudding Man of the Year

Guardians of the Galaxy star Chris Pratt has been named Man of the Year by Harvard University's Hasty Pudding Theatricals.

Pratt also co-stars on Parks & Recreation with Amy Poehler, who was named as Hasty Pudding Woman of the Year last week.

"We vehemently deny that the members of the Hasty Pudding Theatricals are obsessed with Parks & Recreation," says Jason Hellerstein, president of the student group.

Wednesday's announcement says Pratt became "a bona fide Hollywood heavyweight" in the past year.

Pratt will receive his pudding pot Feb. 6 following a parade through Harvard Square and a roast. Poehler will be honoured Jan. 29.

Last year's winners were Helen Mirren and Neil Patrick Harris.

Hasty Pudding Theatricals is America's oldest undergraduate drama troupe, dating to the late 18th century.

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Chris Pratt starred in Guardians of the Galaxy. ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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**Bytowne Cinema
325 Rideau St.**

Blade Runner (STC) Sun-Mon 9:20
Citizenfour (PG) Fri 9:30 Sat 3:50
Force Majeure (14A) Tue 3:45 Wed 6:30
Mommy (14A) Sat 1:01 Sun 12:45 Mon
3:30 Tue 9:20
Mr. Turner (14A) Fri 6:25 Sat 8:59 Sun-
Tue 6:20 Wed 3:30-8:59 Thu 3:45
The Theory of Everything (PG) Fri 3:45
Sat 6:20 Sun 3:40

**Coliseum Ottawa
3090 Carling Ave.**

American Sniper (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:20-
7:30-10:40 Mon-Wed 4:20-7:30-10:35 Thu
1:20-4:20-7:30-10:35
Annie (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-6:40-9:30
Mon-Wed 6:40-9:30 Thu 10:35
Blackhat (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4-7:20-10:30
Mon-Wed 4-7:20-10:30 Thu 1:05-4-7:20-
10:30 Exhibition OnScreen: Girl With
a Pearl Earring (STC) Sun 12:55
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five
Armies (PG) Fri 12:10 Sun 12:10; 3D
(PG) Fri-Sun 3:30-6:50-10:30 Mon-Thu
3:45-6:50-10:30
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1
(PG) Fri 1:40-7:50-10:35 Sat 7:50-10:35
Sun 1:40-7:50-10:35 Mon-Wed 7:50-10:35
Thu 1:15-10:35 I (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-6-
9:50 Mon-Wed 6-9:50 Thu 1:35-6-9:50
The Imitation Game (PG) Fri-Sun
12:40-3:50-7:10 Mon-Wed 3:50-7-10 Thu
1:10-3:50-7-10
Into the Woods (PG) Fri 12:50-4:10-7-10-
10:15 Sat 12:50-7:10-10:15 Sun 12:50-4:10-
7:10-10:15 Mon-Wed 4:10-7:10-10:15 Thu
3:50-7:10-10:15
The Metropolitan Opera: The Merry
Widow (STC) Sat 12:55
National Theatre Live: Treasure Island
(STC) Thu 7
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb
(PG) Fri-Sun 10:35-1:05
Paddington (G) Fri-Thu 11:20-2-4:30-
7-9:25
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Sat 11:05
Selma (PG) Fri-Sat 12:30-3:25-6:30-9:30
Sun 12:15-3:25-6:30-9:30 Mon-Wed
12:30-3:25-6:30-9:30 Thu 12:30-3:30-6:45-
9:30 Taken 3 (14A) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:20-
4:55-7:30-10:05
Unbroken (14A) Fri 3:35-6:50-10 Sat
6:50-10 Sun-Thu 3:35-6:50-10
The Wedding Ringer (14A) Fri-Thu
11:50-2:25-4:50-7:25-9:55

**Canadian Museum of civiliza-
tion, 100 rue Laurier**
Galapagos 3D: Nature's Wonderland
(STC) Fri 11-2-6 Sat-Sun 11-2-7 Mon 11
Tue 11-2-7 Wed 2-7 Thu 11-2-7 Fri 4-8
Sat-Sun 4 Tue-Thu 4
Les merveilles de l'Arctique 3D (STC) Fri
1-7 Sat 1-5 Sun 1-6 Mon 1 Tue 1-6 Wed
3-5 Thu 1-6 Rocky Mountain Express
(STC) Wed 12 Wed 11
Wonders of the Arctic 3D (STC) Fri 12-
3-5 Sat 12-3-6-8 Sun 12-3-5 Mon 12-2 Tue
12-3-5 Wed 1-6 Thu 12-3-5-8

**Cinéma des Galeries d'Aylmer
400 boul. Wilfrid-Lavigne**
American Sniper (13+) Fri-Sun 12:40-
3:20-6:40-9:20 Mon 6:40 Tue 12:40-3:20-
6:40-9:20 Wed-Thu 6:40-9:20
Paddington (G) Fri-Sun 12:50-6:50-9:10
Mon 6:50 Tue 12:50-6:50-9:10 Wed-Thu
6:50-9:10 Fri-Sun 3:10 Tue 3:10
Taken 3 (13+) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:30-7-10-
9:30 Mon 7:10 Tue 1:10-3:30-7-10-9:30
Wed-Thu 7:10-9:30 Wild (13+) Fri-Sun
3:20-9:20 Mon 7 Tue-Thu 3:20-9:20 Fri-
Sun 1-7 Tue 1-7 Wed-Thu 7

**Mayfair Theatre
1074 Bank St.**

Big Eyes (PG) Fri 6:30 Sat 1-6:15 Sun 3:45-
9 Mon-Tue 6:30 Wed-Thu 4-9:15
Gone Girl (14A) Fri 3:30-8:45 Sat 3:15-
8:30 Sun 6 Mon-Tue 3:30-8:45 Wed-Thu
6:15

**Rainbow Cinemas
St. Laurent Centre,
1200 St. Laurent Blvd.**

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No
Good, Very Bad Day (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30-
12:30-2-40-4:50
The Book of Life (G) Fri-Thu 2:10-4:30
Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) Fri-Thu
10-1-4:15-7:30
Foxcatcher (14A) Fri-Thu 10:10-1:20-
4:20-7:20
Gone Girl (14A) Fri-Thu 7:10
Interstellar (PG) Fri-Thu 10:40-6:50
The Interview (14A) Fri-Thu 10:20-
3:50-6:30
St. Vincent (14A) Fri-Wed 1:10-8:50 Thu
8:50 Thu 1:10

South Keys, 2214 Bank St.

American Sniper (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-
7:05-10:10
Annie (PG) Fri-Tue 12:25-3:30-6:35-9:35
Wed 12:25-3:30-9:35 Thu 12:25-3:30-6:35

Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri-Thu 10:40-1:15
Blackhat (14A) Fri 12:55-4:10-7:15-10:15
Sat 1:15-4:10-7:15-10:15 Sun-Thu 12:55-
4:10-7:15-10:15
Exhibition OnScreen: Girl With a Pearl
Earring (STC) Sun 12:55
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Ar-
mies (PG) Fri 11:55 Mon-Thu 11:55; 3D
(PG) Fri 3:10-6:40-9:50 Sat 3:35-6:40-9:50
Sun-Thu 3:10-6:40-9:50
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1
(PG) Fri 3:50-6:45-9:45 Sat 6:45-9:45 Sun-
Wed 3:50-6:45-9:45 Thu 3:50-9:45
The Imitation Game (PG) Fri-Thu 10:25-
1:10-4:05-6:55-9:40
Into the Woods (PG) Fri 10:30-1:25-4:25-
7:20-10:15 Sat 3:50-7:20-10:15 Sun-Thu
10:30-1:25-4:25-7:20-10:15
The Metropolitan Opera: The Merry
Widow (STC) Sat 12:55
National Theatre Live: Treasure Island
(STC) Thu 7
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb
(PG) Fri-Thu 10:35-1:05
Paddington (G) Fri-Thu 11:20-2-4:30-
7-9:25
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Sat 11:05
Selma (PG) Fri-Sat 12:30-3:25-6:30-9:30
Sun 12:15-3:25-6:30-9:30 Mon-Wed
12:30-3:25-6:30-9:30 Thu 12:30-3:30-6:45-
9:30 Taken 3 (14A) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:20-
4:55-7:30-10:05
Unbroken (14A) Fri 3:35-6:50-10 Sat
6:50-10 Sun-Thu 3:35-6:50-10
The Wedding Ringer (14A) Fri-Thu
11:50-2:25-4:50-7:25-9:55

**Canadian Museum of civiliza-
tion, 100 rue Laurier**
Galapagos 3D: Nature's Wonderland
(STC) Fri 11-2-6 Sat-Sun 11-2-7 Mon 11
Tue 11-2-7 Wed 2-7 Thu 11-2-7 Fri 4-8
Sat-Sun 4 Tue-Thu 4
Les merveilles de l'Arctique 3D (STC) Fri
1-7 Sat 1-5 Sun 1-6 Mon 1 Tue 1-6 Wed
3-5 Thu 1-6 Rocky Mountain Express
(STC) Wed 12 Wed 11
Wonders of the Arctic 3D (STC) Fri 12-
3-5 Sat 12-3-6-8 Sun 12-3-5 Mon 12-2 Tue
12-3-5 Wed 1-6 Thu 12-3-5-8

**Cinéma des Galeries d'Aylmer
400 boul. Wilfrid-Lavigne**
American Sniper (13+) Fri-Sun 12:40-
3:20-6:40-9:20 Mon 6:40 Tue 12:40-3:20-
6:40-9:20 Wed-Thu 6:40-9:20
Paddington (G) Fri-Sun 12:50-6:50-9:10
Mon 6:50 Tue 12:50-6:50-9:10 Wed-Thu
6:50-9:10 Fri-Sun 3:10 Tue 3:10
Taken 3 (13+) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:30-7-10-
9:30 Mon 7:10 Tue 1:10-3:30-7-10-9:30
Wed-Thu 7:10-9:30 Wild (13+) Fri-Sun
3:20-9:20 Mon 7 Tue-Thu 3:20-9:20 Fri-
Sun 1-7 Tue 1-7 Wed-Thu 7

**Gatineau 9
120 boul. de l'Hôpital**

Annie (G) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:10-7:20 Mon
7:20 Tue 12:30-3:10-7:20 Wed-Thu 7:20
Chapeau noir (13+) Fri-Sun 1:05-3:50-
6:50-9:35 Mon 6:50-9:35 Tue 1:05-3:50-
6:50-9:35 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:35
La dame en noir: Ange de la mort (13+) Fri-
Thu 9:50
Deux jours, une nuit (G) Fri-Sun 3-6:30
Mon 6:30 Tue 3-6:30 Wed-Thu 6:30
Garçons d'honneur Inc. (STC) Fri-Sun
1:15-3:25-7:25-9:40 Mon 7:25-9:40 Tue
1:15-3:25-7:25-9:40 Wed-Thu 7:25-9:40
Le Hobbit: La bataille des cinq armées (G)
(Fri-Sun 12:30 Tue 12:30; 3D (G) Fri-
Sun 3:30-8:30 Mon 8:30 Tue 3:30-8:30
Wed-Thu 8:30
Le jeu de l'imitation (G) Fri-Sun 1:20-4-
7:05-9:40 Mon 7:05-9:40 Tue 1:20-4-7:05-
9:40 Wed-Thu 7:05-9:40
l'Enlèvement 3 (13+) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:05-
6:45-9:25 Mon 6:45-9:25 Tue 1:25-4:05-
6:45-9:25 Wed-Thu 6:45-9:25
Paddington (G) Fri-Sun 1-3:20-7:10-9:20
Mon 7:10-9:20 Tue 1-3:20-7:10-9:20 Wed-
Thu 7:10-9:20 Tireur d'Élite Américain

(13+) Fri 11-12:45-3:40-7-9:45 Sat-Sun
12:45-3:40-7-9:45 Mon 7-9:45 Tue 12:45-
3:40-7-9:45 Wed-Thu 7-9:45
Une nuit au musée: Le secret du tom-
beau (G) Fri-Sun 12:50-7:15 Mon 7:15 Tue
12:50-7:15 Wed-Thu 7:15
Wild (13+) Fri-Thu 9:30

**StarCité Hull, 115 boul. du
Plateau**

American Sniper (13+) Fri-Sun 1:25-
4:25-7:25-10:25 Mon 7:10-10:10 Tue
1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25 Wed 7:10-10:10 Thu
1:30-7:10-10:10
Annie (G) Fri-Thu 7:25-10:05 Star &
Strollers Screening Thu 1:30
Blackhat (13+) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:05-7:05-
10:05 Mon 7:05-10:05 Tue 1:05-
4:05-7:05-10:05 Wed 7:05-10:05 Thu
1:20-7:05-10:05
Exhibition OnScreen: Girl With a Pearl
Earring (STC) Sun 12:55
Le Hobbit: La bataille des cinq armées (G)
(G) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:40-6:50-10 Mon
6:50-10 Tue 12:30-3:40-6:50-10 Wed-Thu
6:50-10
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five
Armies (G) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:55 Tue 12:45-
3:55; 3D (G) Fri-Thu 7:05-10:15
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part
1 (G) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:25-7:10-9:55 Mon
7:10-9:55 Tue 1:40-4:25-7:10-9:55 Wed-
Thu 7:10-9:55
The Imitation Game (G) Fri 2:25-5:05-
7:45-10:25 Sat 11:45-2:25-5:05-7:45-10:25
Sun 2:25-5:05-7:45-10:25 Mon 7:30-10:10
Tue 2:25-5:05-7:45-10:25 Wed 7:30-10:10
Thu 1:50-7:30-10:10
Le jeu de l'imitation (G) Fri 2-4:40-7:20-
10 Sat 11:20-2-4:40-7:20-10 Sun 2-4:40-
7:20-10 Mon 7:20-10 Tue 2-4:40-7:20-10
Wed 7:20-10 Thu 1:45-7:20-10
l'Enlèvement 3 (13+) Fri-Sun 2:15-4:50-
7:25-10 Mon 7:25-10 Tue 2:15-4:50-7:25-
10 Wed 7:25-10 Thu 1:50-7:25-10
The Metropolitan Opera: The Merry
Widow (STC) Sat 12:55
Les nouveaux héros (G) Fri 1:45-4:25
Sat 11:05-1:45-4:25 Sun 1:45-4:25 Tue
1:45-4:25
Paddington (G) Fri-Sun 12:25-2:40-
4:55-7:10-9:25 Mon 7:10-9:25 Tue 12:25-
2:40-4:55-7:10-9:25 Wed 7:10-9:25 Thu
1:45-7:10-9:25 Fri 12:40-2:55-5:10-7:25-
9:40 Sat 11:55-2:20-5:10-7:25-9:40 Sun
12:40-2:55-5:10-7:25-9:40 Mon 7:25-9:40
Tue 12:40-2:55-5:10-7:25-9:40 Wed 7:25-
9:40 Thu 2:10-7:25-9:40
Paul Blart: Flic du mail (STC) Sat 11
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (STC) Sat 11
Les pingouins de Madagascar (G) Fri
12:30-2:50-5:10 Sat 11-12:30-2:50-5:10
Sun 12:30-2:50-5:10 Tue 12:30-2:50-5:10
Taken 3 (13+) Fri-Sun 12:20-2:45-5:20-
7:55-10:30 Mon 7:40-10:15 Tue 12:20-
2:45-5:20-7:55-10:30 Wed 7:40-10:15 Thu
1:40-7:40-10:15
Tireur d'Élite Américain (13+) Fri-Sun
1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Mon 7-10 Tue 1:10-
4:10-7:10-10:10 Wed 7-10 Thu 1:25-7-10
Unbroken (13+) Fri-Sun 7:05-10:15 Mon
6:55-10:15 Tue 7:05-10:15 Wed 6:55-10:15
Thu 1:10-6:55-10:15
Une nuit au musée: Le secret du
tombeau (G) Fri 2:05-4:40-7:15-9:50
Sat-Sun 4:40-7:15-9:50 Mon 7:15-9:50 Tue
2:05-4:40-7:15-9:50 Wed-Thu 7:15-9:50
Thu 1:15
The Wedding Ringer (STC) Fri-Sun
12:20-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:20 Mon 7:50-
10:15 Tue 12:20-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:20 Wed
7:50-10:15 Thu 1:40-7:50-10:15

**Barrhaven Cinemas
131 Riocan Dr.**
American Sniper (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-
3:50-7-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30 Star &
Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five
Armies (PG) Fri 12:30 Sun 12:30; 3D
(PG) Fri-Sun 3:40-6:55-10:05 Mon-Thu
4:30-7:35 The Imitation Game (PG)

Fri-Sun 12:55-3:50-7:05-9:55 Mon-Wed
5-7:45 Thu 1:15-5-7:45 Star & Strollers
Screening Thu 1
Into the Woods (PG) Fri 1-3:55-6:50-9:45
Sat 1-6:50-9:45 Sun 1-3:55-6:50-9:45 Mon-
Thu 4:45-7:40
The Metropolitan Opera: The Merry
Widow (STC) Sat 12:55
Paddington (G) Fri 1:55-4:20-6:45-
9:10 Sat 11:30-1:55-4:20-6:45-9:10 Sun
1:55-4:20-6:45-9:10 Mon-Wed 5:30-8 Thu
1:10-5:30-8 Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG)
Sat 11 Taken 3 (14A) Fri-Sun 2:10-
4:50-7:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:50
The Wedding Ringer (14A) Fri 2:10-
4:40-7:10-9:40 Sat 11:40-2:10-4:40-7:10-
9:40 Sun 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu
4:40-7:10

**SilverCity, 2385
City Park Dr.**

American Sniper (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-
3:55-7-10:05 Blackhat (14A) Fri-Thu
1-4:05-7:10-10:15 The Boy Next Door
(14A) Thu 9:50 City Lights (G) Mon 7
Exhibition OnScreen: Girl With a Pearl
Earring (STC) Sun 12:55
The Gambler (14A) Fri-Thu 7:50-10:35
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five
Armies (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-10:30; An
IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-
4:25-7:35-10:45
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five
Armies 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 4-7:15 Mon 4
Tue-Thu 4-7:15
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1
(PG) Fri-Wed 12:55-3:50-6:50-9:55 Thu
12:55-3:50-6:50
The Imitation Game (PG) Fri 1:55-4:50-
7:45-10:45 Sat 11:05-1:55-4:50-7:45-10:45
Sun-Tue 1:55-4:50-7:45-10:45 Wed 4:50-
7:45-10:45 Thu 1:55-4:50-7:45-10:45 Star
& Strollers Screening Wed 1
Inherent Vice (14A) Fri-Thu 3:05-6:30-10
Into the Woods (PG) Fri-Wed 12:45-
3:45-6:45-9:45 Thu 12:45-3:45-10:40
The Metropolitan Opera: The Merry
Widow (STC) Sat 12:55
Mortdecai (STC) Thu 9:55
National Theatre Live: Treasure Island
(STC) Thu 7
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb
(PG) Fri 2:50-5:25-8-10:30 Sat 12:30-8-
10:30 Sun-Wed 2:50-5:25-8-10:30 Thu
1:30-4:10-9:40
Paddington (G) Fri 1:45-4:20-6:55-9:25
Sat 11:15-1:45-4:20-6:55-9:25 Sun-Thu
1:45-4:20-6:55-9:25
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Sat 11
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri 3-5:20
Sat 11:20-12:30-3-5:20 Sun 12:30-3-5:20
Mon 1:30-4:10 Tue-Thu 3-5:20
Selma (PG) Fri 1:35-4:30-7:25-10:20
Wed 4:30-7:25-10:20 Thu 1:35-4:30-7:25-
10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Taken 3 (14A) Fri 1:50-4:35-7:20-10:10
Sat 11:10-1:50-4:35-7:20-10:10 Sun-Thu

1:50-4:35-7:20-10:10
Unbroken (14A) Fri-Sat 3:25-6:40-9:50
Sun 12:15-3:25-6:40-9:50 Mon-Wed 3:25-
6:40-9:50 Thu 3:25-6:40
The Wedding Ringer (14A) Fri 2:55-
5:30-8:05-10:40 Sat 12:20-5:30-8:05-10:40
Sun 12:20-2:55-5:30-8:05-10:40 Mon-Thu
2:55-5:30-8:05-10:40
Wild (18A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:30-10:25

**Landmark Theatres Orleans 6
Cinemas, 3752 Innes Rd.**

American Sniper (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-
3:50-6:50-10:05 Mon 3:50-6:50-10:05
Tue 12:30-3:50-6:50-10:05 Wed-Thu
3:50-6:50-10:05
Annie (PG) Fri 3:50-7:10 Sat-Sun 10:35-
3:50-7:10 Mon-Wed 3:50-7:10 Thu 3:50
Blackhat (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-4-7-10
Mon 4-7-10 Tue 12:40-4-7-10 Wed-Thu
4-7-10 The Boy Next Door (14A) Thu 8
Exhibition: Manet -- Portraying Life
(STC) Sat 11
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Ar-
mies (PG) Fri-Sun 1:05 Tue 1:05; 3D (PG)
Fri-Wed 5-8:30 Thu 4
The Imitation Game (PG) Fri 1:30-4:20-
7-9:55 Sat-Sun 10:30-1:30-4:20-7-9:55
Mon 4:20-7-9:55 Tue 1:30-4:20-7-9:55
Wed-Thu 4:20-7-9:55
In Search of Beethoven (STC) Sun 11
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb
(PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-9:55 Mon 9:55 Tue
1:10-9:55 Wed 9:55
Paddington (G) Fri 12:50-4:10-7:05-9:41
Sat-Sun 10:40-12:50-4:10-7:05-9:41 Mon
4:10-7:05-9:41 Tue 12:50-4:10-7:05-9:41
Wed-Thu 4:10-7:05-9:41
Selma (PG) Fri 3:50-6:45-9:45 Sat-Sun
12:55-3:50-6:45-9:45 Mon 3:50 Tue 12:55-
3:50-6:45-9:45 Wed-Thu 3:50-6:45-9:45
Mon 6:45-9:45
Taken 3 (14A) Fri 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:10
Sat 7:20-10:10 Sun 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:10
Mon 4:30-7:20-10:10 Tue 1:40-4:30-7:20-
10:10 Wed 4:30-7:20-10:10 Thu 4:30-10:10
Sat 1:40-4:30 Thu 7:20
Unbroken (14A) Fri 12:35-3:40-6:40-10
Sat-Sun 3:40-6:40-10 Tue 12:35-3:40-
6:40-10 Wed-Thu 3:40-6:40-10
The Wedding Ringer (14A) Fri 1:20-4:40-
7:30-10:20 Sat 1:20-4:40-10:20 Sun-Mon
4:40-7:30-10:20 Tue 1:20-4:40-7:30-10:20
Wed-Thu 4:40-7:30-10:20 Sat 10:50-7:30
Sun 10:50-1:20

**Landmark Cinemas 24 Kanata
& IMAX, 801 Kanata Ave.**

American Sniper (14A) Fri-Sun 11:30-3-
6:15-9:40 Mon-Thu 3-6:15-9:40
American Sniper: The IMAX Experience
(14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-4-7:10-10:25 Mon-
Thu 4-7:10-10:25
Annie (PG) Fri 11:45-3:30-10:05 Sat-Sun
11:45-3:30-7-10:05 Mon 3:30-7-10:05 Tue
3:30 Wed-Thu 3:30-7-10:05 Tue 7-10:05
Big Eyes (PG) Fri-Sun 10:45

Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri 10:30-2-4:45-7:30
Sat-Sun 2-4:45-7:30 Mon 4:45-7:30 Tue
2-4:45-7:30 Wed 4:45-7:30 Thu 4:05
Blackhat (14A) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:25-6:40-
9:50 Mon-Thu 3:25-6:40-9:50
The Boy Next Door (14A) Thu 9:15
Foxcatcher (14A) Fri-Sun 10:50
The Gambler (14A) Fri-Wed 10:20
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five
Armies (PG) Fri 11:15-2:45-6:15-9:35
Sat 2:45-6:15-9:35 Sun 11:15-2:45-6:15-
9:35 Mon 6:15-9:35 Tue 2:45-6:15-9:35
Wed-Thu 6:15-9:35 Sat 11:15; 3D (PG)
Fri-Sun 12:20-3:40-7-10:15 Mon-Wed
3:40-7-10:15 Thu 3:40
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part
1 (PG) Fri-Sat 11:25-2:40-6:15-9:15 Sun
2:40-6:15-9:15 Mon 4:10-10:20 Tue 2:40-
6:15-9:15 Wed 4:10-10:20 Thu 4:10-7:20
Mon 7:20 Wed 7:20 Thu 10:20
I (14A) Fri-Sun 1:05-5:10-9:15 Mon
5:10-9:15 Tue 1:05-5:10-9:15 Wed-Thu
5:10-9:15
The Imitation Game (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-
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Miller's career takes a turn for the serious

Movie roles. The U.K. actress used to be best known as tabloid fodder, but now she's landing some heavy-hitting parts

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When she was younger, Sienna Miller was a paparazzi magnet. Photographers chased the English actress down streets, and the media obsessed over her relationships and dwelled on her beauty, not her acting.

Now, she seems to have taken drastic steps to shed all that. In 2012 she gave birth to her daughter, Marlowe, with her now-fiancé Tom Sturridge, and regularly describes their life as "boring."

But she's also back in high-profile movies, after years in smaller fare. She played Nancy Schultz, wife of Mark Ruffalo's doomed character, in Foxcatcher, and now plays Taya Kyle, wife of late Army sharp-

shooter Chris Kyle (played by Bradley Cooper) in Clint Eastwood's American Sniper. And there's plenty more where that came from.

In real life, Taya is very animated. She's definitely not just The Wife.

She's a real firecracker. She's definitely not just a military wife. Clint, I think, is so respectful of women and historically has made movies with great roles for women in them. He'd never have let her be one-dimensional. But it's not her story; it's Chris' story. I'd love to do a movie about Taya. She deserves it. You try to pack a lot into these small, infrequent moments that served the story. I do think her sense of humour, her feistiness shines through.

Taya was very involved with the making of this film and has done press. Was she there as you were filming?

She wasn't on set at all; she'd talk through all the takes. I say this because I love her. She's such an oracle for everyone leading up to it, then was



Sienna Miller as Taya Kyle in American Sniper. CONTRIBUTED

happy to just let us make the film. On Foxcatcher, Nancy Schultz was on-set. That was intimidating, because you feel very self-conscious having the

person you're playing watching what you're doing.

How lightly do you tread when talking to someone

who suffered this kind of tragedy?

You want to explore every aspect of their relationship while trying to be sensitive

New opportunities

- "I made a pact after I had a baby that I wanted to work with the best people. I don't care about the size of the roles; I just want to be in great films, just to learn from these people. Ten weeks after I gave birth to my daughter I was sent Foxcatcher. And once that happened, it opened up opportunities with other filmmakers, because they would tell other directors what I was like to work with. It was quite a good strategy, actually."

of the fact that they're still mourning. With Nancy, it happened a long time ago. She's sort of made peace with it, as awful as it was. Taya is still raw. The man who shot Chris is going on trial in February. She's been in this relentless cycle that's punishing and unforgiving.

Cooper did an excellent job of playing husband, widow says

Real-life story. Taya Kyle was reluctant at first to see her spouse's tale on screen, but the actor won her over

The wife of a famed Navy SEAL sniper said she struggled with the idea of someone playing the movie role of her husband, who was killed two years ago near Fort Worth, Texas.

But Taya Kyle told The Dallas Morning News that actor Bradley Cooper did an excellent job accurately portraying her husband, Chris, and the difficult decisions he faced while fighting in Iraq and his struggles with determining his role when he returned from war.

In the film, a subtle facial tic that Cooper has as he looks through the scope of his weapon made Kyle nearly forget she was watching an actor on screen, she said. "It'd be almost like a tell in poker," she said. "In a stressful situation, Chris would do that."

The movie, American Sniper, is based on Chris Kyle's



Taya Kyle, the wife of a Navy SEAL whose story was portrayed in American Sniper. GETTY IMAGES

2012 memoir that recounts his journey from being a rodeo cowboy to a trained sniper credited with 160 kills. He was honourably discharged in 2009 after 10 years of service, including four tours in Iraq.

In February 2013, Kyle and his friend Chad Littlefield were killed at a shooting range. Ex-Marine Eddie Ray Routh is charged with capital murder, and authorities say he confessed to the killings to a Texas Ranger. He remains in jail in lieu of \$3 million US bail. His

trial is scheduled to start next month.

Cooper and the film's director, Clint Eastwood, visited Taya Kyle in Midlothian — about 25 miles south of Dallas — before filming. The trio sat around and talked, with Kyle showing them her husband's baseball caps, cowboy boots and the clothes still hanging in his closet. "It felt like I had a couple of friends over," she said. "They were very respectful, kind and warm."

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Polanski victim says she's forgiven him

Samantha Geimer, the woman Roman Polanski drugged and raped in 1977 when she was 13 years old, says she and the infamous director are totally cool now and all is forgiven. I'm guessing law enforcement officials won't be so nice, though. "I have absolutely forgiven (Polanski). I feel like he owned up to what he did," Geimer tells the National Enquirer after Polanski's request for a new hearing was denied.

"He pleaded guilty and served his sentence and, although he fled, he was fleeing a corrupt and unethical judge." She also reveals that she's in regular email contact with the exiled filmmaker. Those have got to be some interesting messages. **METRO**

Gitch glitch



Justin Bieber

Last time with the Bieber underwear debate — we swear

Since the controversy over how much Justin Bieber's Calvin Klein photos were Photoshopped is still raging, here's one last piece of evidence for you to pore over: A behind-the-scenes Associated Press video from Bieber's shoot has plenty of footage of him in action so you can pause it and compare and contrast with the finished ads. Plus, model Lara Stone shows off some really amazing acting chops in discussing what it was like to work with the Biebs. **METRO**



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METRO'S TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES



Which Oscar nominee runs the risk of a Norbit?

Hooray, the Oscar nominations are a thing and we can move on with Awards Season! But don't forget, we're also in the glut of winter releases, when studios notoriously dump their shaggiest of dogs, and sometimes that can lead to some awkward cross-promotions for nominated actors.

The most famous case, the horribly received Norbit, came out in early February and is believed to have cost Eddie Murphy an Oscar for Dreamgirls in 2007. So who's running that risk this year? Why, only the odds-on-favourites in the

two biggest races. First up, Julianne Moore pretty much has the race tied up for her stellar work in Still Alice, but ads have already started hitting TV for Seventh Son, the not-great-looking fantasy action film featuring Moore as some sort of evil witch. Or at least inspiration for future drag queens. It also co-stars previous Oscar winner Jeff Bridges, who just looks embarrassed to be there. And then there's Best Actor nominee Eddie Redmayne, who also plays a campy villain in an early February release, this time in the Wachowskis'

Jupiter Ascending. The jury is still out on the sci-fi epic, which will likely either be spectacular or a mess. But Redmayne should come out pretty unscathed, since most of the Jupiter attention seems to be going to Channing Tatum — the only main Foxcatcher actor to not get nominated.

One thing is for sure. Reps for Whiplash star (and Best Supporting Actor favourite) J.K. Simmons are likely doing everything they can to get his goofy Farmers Insurance ads off TV screens before Oscar voting gets too ramped up.

Gwyneth's got more breakup stories for you

Gwyneth Paltrow's making quite a name for herself as an over-sharer. Or maybe all her Goop posting about uncoupling from Chris Martin gave a taste for divulging that she found she liked.

The View from the Top star decided to continue her campaign of candour during a visit to Howard Stern's satellite radio show. For instance, care to learn more about the demise of her engagement to Brad Pitt? "I was such a kid. I was 22 when we met. It's taken me until 40 to get my head out of my ass," she says. "You can't make

that decision (to get married) when you're 22 years old ... I wasn't ready, and he was too good for me ... I didn't know what I was doing."

But totally not too good for her? Ex-boyfriend Ben Affleck. "He was not in a good place in his life to have a girlfriend," Paltrow says of their re-



Gwyneth Paltrow

lationship, though she does at least deign to approve of Affleck's eventual choice of a wife, Jennifer Garner. "Not only is she beautiful, (but) she is so warm and she cooks and is so into her kids. And she's hilarious," she says. "I had a girls' dinner before the summer and she came over. She's my neighbour. I really like her a lot." So now you know.



A still from The LEGO Movie

Fans cry foul over Oscar's LEGO Movie snub

Speaking of the Academy Award nominations, many have pointed out the glaring oversight that is The LEGO Movie being left out of the best animated film category. Clearly the Academy was aware of it, since its hit ear-

worm Everything is Awesome is up for Best Song, so what gives? While fans and critics were busy crying foul, though, the film's co-director, Phil Lord, was taking the high road — and keeping busy with the famous building toys.

Kirstie's all ready for a Bieber booty call

So, Kirstie Alley wants to make out with Justin Bieber. And I say we let her. Who are we to stand in the way of true happiness? Alley revealed her potentially scandalous desire on The Rachael Ray Show during a round of the clumsily renamed game Marry, Make Out or Move On. First of all, come on, Ms. Ray. The game is called F---, Marry, Kill. It loses all of its potency and fun when you over-sanitize it like that. Even the cleaner version the kids on YouTube play would

be acceptable: Kiss, Marry, Kill. But yours? No.

Now then, back to Alley. During the game, she's presented with the choice of Bieber, Harry Styles or Nick Jonas. "We've all seen Justin Bieber's Calvin Klein (ads). He's so handsome. What a handsome man. I'm just all over Justin Bieber," Alley says. "I want to make out with him." She then says she'd marry Styles to "go on tour with him because I want to seem younger."



Kirstie Alley

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This recipe serves six. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

Dinner. Red Wine Braised Beef is a great meal when you have a bit more time to spare



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When your cheeks are rosy from a day of being outside, nothing hits the spot like a comfort food classic. Plan ahead and let a blade roast slow-cook while you warm up in front of the fireplace.

1. With the rack in the middle position, preheat the oven to 350 F (180 C).

2. In a large ovenproof skillet, brown the meat in half the oil. Season with salt and pepper on both sides. Set the meat on a plate. In the same skillet, soften the shallots with the spices in the remaining oil (2 tbsp/30 ml). Sprinkle with the flour and mix well. Deglaze with the wine. Bring to a boil, whisking constantly.

3. Return the meat to the skillet. Add half the beef broth and the ketchup. Bring to a boil. Cover and roast in the oven for 3 hours. Turn the meat over three or four times during cooking and baste with the remaining beef broth.

4. Add the carrots and pancetta around the roast. Continue cooking, always covered, for about 1 hour or until the meat is fork tender and the vegetables are cooked.

5. To give a nice crust to braised meat, move the rack to the highest position of the oven. Set the oven to broil. Drain the meat and place on a baking sheet. Keep the sauce and toppings warm. Brush top of the roast with honey. Broil for about 3 minutes or until the surface starts to brown.

6. Serve meat with toppings and drizzle with sauce. Serve with barley. FOLLOW RICARDO ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ON RICARDOCUISINE.COM OR SUBSCRIBE TO HIS MAGAZINE'S ENGLISH EDITION, WHICH LAUNCHED IN 2014.

Ingredients

- 1 boneless beef blade roast, about 3 lb (1.5 kg) and about 3 inches (7.5 cm) thick
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- 3 shallots, chopped
- 2 tsp crushed juniper berries
- 1/2 tsp cracked black pepper
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
- 2 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 2 cups (500 ml) red wine
- 2 cups (500 ml) beef broth, warm
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) ketchup
- 4 large carrots, diced
- 1/4 lb (115 g) pancetta, diced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) honey

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Enjoy a glass as you cook



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I've written it before, and I'll write it again: I'd never cook with a wine I wouldn't drink.

Not that I'd plunk down a week's pay on some vino to simply pour into a pan. Wine is a secondary flavour component in any main course and not the focal point.

As a basic rule you should always pick a wine that matches your budget and key ingredient.

Today's recipe from Chef Ricardo is a great example of how well liquids and solids can work together in a dish. His braised beef is a hearty entrée that deserves a red wine that's in line with the mouth-filling texture of the meat.

Think a red Bordeaux from France, a spicy Australian Shiraz, a peppery Argentinean Malbec or a rich, full-bodied Chilean Cabernet like the 2013 Errazuriz Estate Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon (\$12.99 - \$14.99).

One last tip: Never keep a half-drunk bottle of red in your pantry to "cook with." Once it's opened it will only stay consumable for a few days. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**



Fresh take on onion soup

Need something quick but deliciously filling to warm you up? Try French Onion Soup — with a twist. The addition of tomatoes offers a new way to

enjoy this classic.

1. In a large saucepan, gently sauté the onions in the butter until they caramelize, about

15 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Deglaze with the wine. Add the broth and tomatoes. Bring to a boil and simmer for about 10 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

2. With the rack in the middle position, preheat the oven's broiler.

3. Ladle the soup in oven-safe bowls or baking dishes. Top with the bread slices and sprinkle with the cheese. Brown under the broiler.

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Ingredients

- 8 cups (2 litres) thinly sliced sweet onions (Vidalia, red)
- 3 tbsp (42 g) butter
- Salt and pepper
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) port wine
- 4 cups (1 litre) beef or chicken broth
- 1 can 14 oz (398 ml) cherry or diced tomatoes
- 6 slices baguette cut diagonally, lightly toasted
- 1 1/2 cups (150 g) grated Gruyère cheese



This recipe makes six servings. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

Patriots coach expands his winning playbook

NFL playoffs.

Belichick's trickery in divisional round gives Colts just another thing to prepare for

When Bill Belichick pulled something new from his bag of tricks last week, some wondered if the three-time Super Bowl champion coach had found another way to bend the rules.

The New England Patriots were creative and intentionally deceptive, but using four offensive linemen isn't illegal.

The tactic worked, and it angered the Ravens and coach John Harbaugh. There's no telling what wrinkles Belichick and the Patriots (13-4) are planning for Sunday's AFC championship game against Indianapolis (13-5).

"It's a situation that I saw another team use, kind of," Belichick said, explaining the unique formation. "Then we talked about it and thought about ways maybe to put some pressure on the defence with that concept of having more receivers on the field than were actually eligible. To make them ineligible instead of making an ineligible guy eligible, to go the other way around. We came up with a few ideas."

Got that?

OK, here's a simple summary of what the Patriots did for three plays against Baltimore:

AFC title game



Colts (13-5) at Patriots (13-4). Sunday, 6:40 p.m. ET.

- When the two teams met earlier this season in November, the Pats won 42-20.

- Right guard Josh Kline came off the field.
- Backup tight end Michael Hoomanawanui entered and lined up where the left tackle traditionally plays but declared himself eligible.
- Left tackle Nate Solder moved inside to left guard.
- Running back Shane Vereen entered and lined up in the slot, but was technically the right tackle and therefore ineligible.

That created confusion because the defence covered Vereen, thinking he was going to run a pattern. Hoomanawanui was allowed to run freely down the seam and caught two passes for 16 yards and 14 yards as Harbaugh drew an unsportsmanlike penalty for going on the field to argue that his defence should have had more time to identify eligible receivers before the snap.

After the penalty, Tom Brady tossed a touchdown pass to Rob Gronkowski to cut the Ravens' lead to 28-21.

"Nobody's ever seen that before," Harbaugh said. "It's



Patriots head coach Bill Belichick utilized deceptive offensive formations to confuse the Ravens last weekend. The Pats came from behind to win the game 35-31. GETTY IMAGES FILE

not something anybody's ever done before."

Belichick doesn't expect anything to prevent the Patriots from using their new formation against the Colts.

"I'd venture to say I couldn't remember the last time that I haven't seen an eligible receiver report as an ineligible player

in the NFL," Belichick said. "I would say it happens in every game on the punt team. You're allowed to do that. We did it."

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Seahawks' talons gripped firmly on the ball



Russell Wilson and the Seahawks committed only 14 turnovers during the regular season. ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

Pete Carroll talks about it constantly, almost to the point of exasperation, about how protecting the ball is the most important thing in the Seattle Seahawks program.

Not having the fiercest defence in the NFL or a dynamic offence based around a strong running game. But simply holding on to the football.

"I've been trying to emphasize this better than anybody in the world for as long as I've been a head coach," Carroll said.

Clearly his team is listening. The Seahawks set a franchise record this season for the fewest turnovers, giving the

NFC title game



Packers (13-4) at Seahawks (13-4). Sunday, 3:05 p.m. ET.

- The Seahawks won the season-opening game between the two teams, 36-16.

ball away just 14 times during the regular season. That was three fewer than the previous best mark for the Seahawks when they committed only 17

turnovers during the 2005 season and Seattle made its first Super Bowl appearance.

It continued a trend of Seattle being better at protecting the ball with Carroll in charge. Seattle committed 31 turnovers in Carroll's first season in 2010. The Seahawks had 23 in 2011, 19 in 2012 and 18 last season on their way to the franchise's first Super Bowl title.

This season the Seahawks finished third in the league in fewest turnovers. And not surprisingly, the two teams ahead of Seattle — New England and Green Bay each had 13 turnovers — are also still playing on championship weekend.

"It's a conscious effort for those guys," Seattle offensive co-ordinator Darrell Bevell said. "It's something that we talk about all the time. It's something that we show them all the time. There are things that happen on the field that we preach about all the time. It's in the front of their mind quite often as ball carriers."

Seattle's proficiency in holding on to the ball is a mix of emphasis, conscious decision-making and a good deal of luck. Quarterback Russell Wilson has made better decisions with his passing, watching his interception numbers drop to just seven. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 SPORTS

'Explosive player': Redblacks land receiver from Grey Cup champions

CFL. Maurice Price spent three seasons with Stampeders, missing two months with injury and finishing with 34 catches for 544 yards, 2 TDs

The Ottawa Redblacks bolstered their offence Thursday, acquiring receiver Maurice Price from the Grey Cup-champion Calgary Stamp-

peders for linebacker Jasper Simmons and rookie receiver Dan Buckner.

All three are international players.

Price, 29, spent three seasons with Calgary. The six-foot-one, 205-pound receiver missed two months with a hand injury and finished with 34 catches for 544 yards and two TDs.

"Mo is an explosive player who has exceptional speed and outstanding play-making abilities," Ottawa head

coach Rick Campbell said in a statement.

"He's a CFL veteran who knows the league, knows the game and has a big upside.

"He has the ability to come in here and make big contributions right away."

Ottawa posted a league-worst 2-16 record in its first season back in the CFL and struggled mightily on offence.

The Redblacks finished last overall in scoring (15.4 points per game), touch-

downs (24), time of possession (23 minutes 37 seconds) and rushing yards (82.4).

Simmons finished fourth overall in tackles with a team-high 80 and three interceptions in 2014 and was Ottawa's nominee for the CFL's top defensive player and outstanding player awards.

Six-foot-one, 223-pound Simmons spent the 2011-12 seasons with the Toronto Argonauts before joining the Redblacks.

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The Ottawa Redblacks acquired receiver Maurice Price from the Calgary Stampeders on Thursday. BRENT JUST/GETTY IMAGES

One win away from history

Minnesota's Lindsey Vonn speeds down the course during a training session for an alpine ski women's World Cup downhill event on Thursday in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. Five of Vonn's closest relatives are flying in to Italy in hopes of seeing Vonn match or possibly break Annemarie Moser-Pröell's all-time World Cup wins record. While boyfriend Tiger Woods isn't making the trip, Vonn's father, stepmother, mother, stepfather and younger sister Laura will all be on hand when the racing begins Friday with a downhill — Vonn's specialty. She needs one more win to exceed Moser-Pröell's 62 wins set between 1970 and 1980.

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Women's soccer

U.S. senators call for end to World Cup turf war

Nine senators in the United States are calling for FIFA president Sepp Blatter to come to an agreement with a group of elite soccer players who are protesting plans to play the 2015 Women's World Cup in Canada on artificial turf.

Led by Sen. Sherrod Brown of Ohio, the nine Democrats sent a letter to Blatter to reaffirm their support for the players who lodged a complaint with the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario on Oct. 1.

The players claim that holding the World Cup on artificial turf amounts to gender discrimination because men play football's premier tournament on real grass. THE CANADIAN PRESS

BaoAn Cup. Sinclair leads Canadian women in win

Christine Sinclair scored twice to help Canada defeat host China 2-1 on Thursday and win the BaoAn Cup women's soccer tournament for the first time.

Sinclair, from Burnaby, B.C., led the Canadian team with three goals at the four-nation competition. She also earned tournament most valuable player honours.

The Canadian captain scored on a penalty kick in the 63rd minute and added the winning goal a minute later. Gu Yasha scored China's lone goal

in the 31st minute.

The round-robin finale at the Shenzhen Bao'an Sports Center served as a preview for the opening game of the 2015 women's World Cup. Canada and China will kick off that tournament June 6 at Edmonton's Commonwealth Stadium.

"It's nice to build some momentum with the huge year ahead of us," Sinclair said.

Canada swept its three games in the competition, with 2-1 victories over South Korea and Mexico. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLS. Larin becomes first Canadian to go 1st in draft

Teenager Cyle Larin made history at the MLS SuperDraft on Thursday when he became the first Canadian to go first overall.

The 19-year-old forward from Brampton, Ont., was the consensus No. 1 pick, with expansion Orlando City SC resisting all trade offers for the UConn sophomore.

"The reason that goal-scorers go for the most money is because they're the most valuable," said Orlando head coach Adrian Heath, a former

Stoke City and Everton star. "If you look at what he's got, we think there's a lot of promise there."

The previous high for a Canadian pick came in 2013, when midfielder Kyle Bekker was taken third overall by Toronto FC.

With Canadian teams picking third, sixth, ninth, 11th and 13th, there was a definite northern feel to the top end of the draft at the Philadelphia Convention Center.

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MLB. Jays avoid arbitration with Cecil on \$2.5M deal

The Blue Jays avoided arbitration with Brett Cecil on Thursday, signing the left-handed reliever to a one-year deal worth \$2.475-million (U.S.).

The Jays haven't taken a player to arbitration in nearly 20 years and the 28-year-old former starter has been among the club's top bullpen arms over the last two seasons, posting a 2.76 ERA over 114 innings since 2013. Cecil earned a considerable raise upon his \$1.3-million salary in 2014.

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♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Good fortune is heading your way. You may find that hard to believe but if you adopt a more positive outlook today and over the weekend it will help you to recognize how lucky you are.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

No matter what sad tales you hear from people today you will be on a high. As far as you are concerned the world is, was and always will be wonderful.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

If you force yourself to be enthusiastic about a task you don't care for today you may be surprised to find that you actually quite enjoy it.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

A few days from now you will look back and wonder why and how you allowed yourself to get so worked up about a relationship matter. Life always moves on and so should you.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

If someone tries to belittle your efforts over the next 24 hours it can only be because they are jealous of your ability to get things done and the way (almost) everyone loves you.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

There is something you have wanted to do for many years but for one reason or another never got around to. Now the universe is making it easy for you to get started on it.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You will be less inclined to worry about your cashflow today and that's good. The only danger is you could start spending money like it grows on trees. It doesn't.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Your luck will turn for the better very soon but today you must be cautious, especially when travelling and dealing with people whose motives you know little about.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

The next few days will be lucky for you and what you gain you will deserve. Not everyone will agree with it but not everyone is aware how hard you worked to get to your current position.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

If you gamble on something and win today you would be wise not to go any further. The planets warn that once you are ahead the only way you will stay ahead is by calling it a day.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Don't feel bad about it if you gain from someone else's loss over the next 24 hours. According to the planets it is your turn to get lucky, so take advantage of the situation.

♓ Pisces

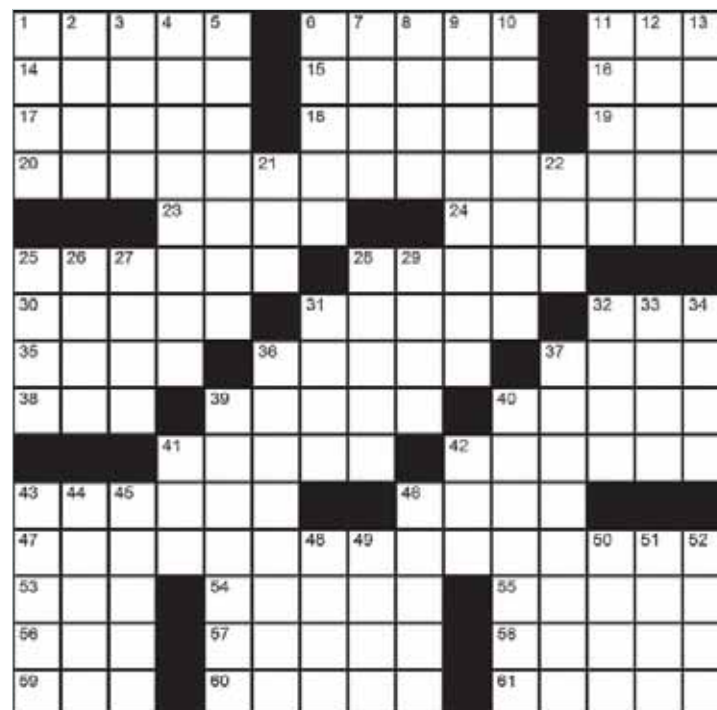
Feb. 20 - March 20

If someone tries to do you a favour don't automatically assume that it's some kind of scam. Genuine people do exist.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Three-player card game
6. Sports buff's interests
11. US lawyers' org.
14. Heat-resistant glassware
15. Java hue
16. "Follow You Down" by ___ Blossoms
17. Spew fire
18. Mr. Flynn
19. Contribute
20. Sniffle, achoo...
21. Cold treatment alternatives: 2 wds.
23. Twisted
24. Immediately!
25. Misgivings
28. Blue Rodeo's "___ Hit Me Yet"
30. Loosen
31. Stevie Wonder's "Shoo-___-Be-Doo-Da-Day"
32. iPhone download
35. Medical suffix
36. Convict
37. "Ripley's Believe Not!": 2 wds.
38. The Anteater's mealtime noise in the B.C. comic strip
39. Songstress Ms. Scott's
40. Rusty hue
41. ___ letter (Used Canada Post)
42. Family emblems
43. Becky Black and Maya Miller = Vancouver rock duo



The ___.

46. Scottish rolls
47. Canadian artist (b.1905 - d.1989) ...his paintings depict the landscapes of Alberta and Saskatchewan: 2 wds.
53. "Don't Bring Me Down" gr.
54. Herman's Hermits singer Peter

55. "___ Was a Lady" (1945)

56. Has the ability
57. The Jackson 5's "___ There"
58. Serviceable
59. Middle
60. Guitarist Duane, and surnamesakes
61. Dished, ___ out

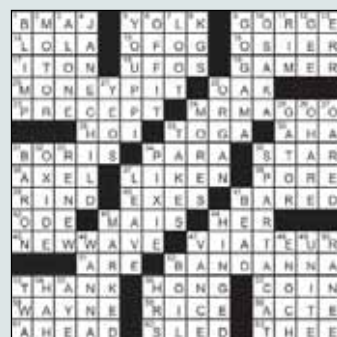
Down

1. Unlock
2. "___ Breckinridge" (1970)
3. Men's cologne brand
4. CBC's "___ of Doyle"
5. Drastic
6. Extract metal from ore
7. Pressure unit
8. Land unit

9. 4th Prime Minister of Canada, from 1892 to 1894: Sir John ___

10. Hamilton-based cheese company since 1962
11. Anew
12. Posh bathroom feature
13. Hence...: 2 wds.
21. Years: French
22. Actress, ___-Marie Jones
25. Test
26. Do ___ others...
27. Fighting: 2 wds.
28. No Doubt's "___ Good"
29. Big fuses
31. Fashion accessory
32. Sporty sorts, shortly
33. Harbour site
34. CEO
36. Have a successful day as a prospector during the Klondike: 2 wds.
37. Emulate Kurt Browning: 2 wds.
39. "I Dream of ___"
40. The ___ (Historic concert hall in Vancouver)
41. Do moguls
42. Meower
43. Portion
44. Relieve
45. Baa Baa! Duplicate, like Dolly
46. Namesakes of Marcia's "Desperate Housewives" role
48. Hilly countryside area
49. Dionne Warwick's "Walk ___"
50. Modify
51. Annoy
52. Singer/songwriter Lou

Yesterday's Crossword



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Yesterday's Sudoku



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